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Man shot by cop attempted murder suspect

INVESTIGATION A man shot by Ottawa police Wednesday evening along the southeast stretch of Highway 417 was allegedly fleeing the scene of an attempted murder in the rural west end, police said Thursday.

Police responded to a 9-1-1 call around 5:45 p.m. and found a 65-year-old man who was shot several times at a residence on Bear Hill Road west of Carp.

At around 6 p.m., patrol cars began pursuing a vehicle matching the description of that of the suspect on Highway 417 near Parkdale Avenue.

According to the Ontario Special Investigations Unit, three officers interacted with a man who got out of the car at Walkley Road. One officer fired at least one shot that struck the man. He was taken to hospital.

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In honour of Earth Day, Metro Ottawa will be published on recycled paper every day this week.

NHL

Wings knock out Blue Jackets



Rick Nash, No. 61 of the Columbus Blue Jackets, collides with Valtteri Filppula of the Detroit Red Wings during Game 4 of the Western Conference Quarterfinals of the Stanley Cup Playoffs Thursday night in Ohio. The Red Wings won 6-5, sweeping the series and knocking out the Blue Jackets.

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Mayor, staff set for unpaid trial leave

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CHARGES Mayor Larry O'Brien and his staff will be on an unpaid leave of absence beginning on May 2.

The absence will begin two days before his trial on charges of influence peddling begins at an Ottawa courthouse.

The charges stem from allegations that he attempted to bribe mayoral rival Terry Kilrea to drop out of the race.

O'Brien was charged by the Ontario Provincial Police in December 2007 after a nine-month investigation.

For most of the trial, Beacon Hill-Cyrville Coun. Michel Bellemare will take over the mayor's duties, based on the rotation of the deputy mayor's position, which changes every two months.

If the trial extends beyond July 7, Osgoode Coun. Doug Thompson will take over until Sept. 8. Knoxdale-Merivale Coun. Gord Hunter will act as deputy mayor for most of the summer, since he is not planning on travelling outside the city.

The city clerk will handle routine bills like phone, cable and newspaper subscriptions and previously authorized expenses from the mayor's office budget.

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Harper refuses order to seek Khadr's return

PM will consider appeal to ruling by Federal Court judge

A Federal Court has ordered Stephen Harper to seek the immediate return of Omar Khadr from Guantanamo Bay, but the Prime Minister is refusing to comply.

Federal Court Justice James O'Reilly ruled Thursday that Canada had denied the Toronto-born Khadr his constitutional right to a fair trial and violated international law protecting children captured in armed conflict.

Highlighting the fact that

Charge of conspiracy

• Omar Khadr is now 22 and the only citizen of a western nation still imprisoned. The U.S. Justice Department is reviewing

Khadr was only 15 when shot and captured by U.S. forces in Afghanistan in July 2002, O'Reilly concluded that Ottawa must request that the "United States return Mr. Khadr to Canada as soon as practicable."

But when questioned in

his case in which Khadr is accused of conspiring with al-Qaida, and throwing a grenade that killed a U.S. soldier.

the Commons Thursday about whether he will seek Khadr's return, Harper said his government's position remains the same.

"The facts, in our judgment, have not changed. We will be looking at the judgment very carefully

and obviously considering an appeal," Harper said.

Canadian courts have condemned the government's actions in Khadr's case twice before, producing rulings that halted Khadr's interrogation by Canadian agents at Guantanamo and forced Ottawa to disclose evidence.

Thursday's ruling marked the first time the courts directly ordered the government to seek his repatriation and rebuked Ottawa for not taking his age into account.

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Local



Music rising from the dead at show

The living dead will have a soundtrack when the Mayfair Theatre screens *Nosferatu* this Saturday. Led by Mayfair music director Mike Dubue, some of Ottawa's hottest, hippest musicians will play an entirely original live score to accompany F.W. Murnau's 1922 silent era classic. The original subtitle of *Nosferatu*, the original big-screen version of Bram Stoker's *Dracula*, was "Eine Symphonie des Grauens," or "a symphony of horror." Tickets are \$10. **METRO OTTAWA**

Spring cleaning along shoreline

EVENT In celebration of Earth Day earlier this week, the National Capital Commission is hosting its 11th annual Ottawa River shoreline cleanup Sunday morning.

Along the Ottawa side, volunteers will undertake the cleanup of shorelines along the Ottawa River between Mud Lake and the Canadian War Museum, while volunteers along the Quebec side will clean up the shoreline at Leamy Lake, Moussette Park and behind the Université du Québec en Outaouais. The cleanup is part of the city of Ottawa's Spring Cleaning the Capital campaign.

"This is our river, and as residents, every one of us has a role in preserving (it)," said NCC spokeswoman Marilyne Guèvremont. "It's our responsibility to keep it clean."

Anyone wanting to pitch in can call the Ottawa Riverkeeper at 613-321-1120 to clean the Ontario shoreline or CREDDO at 819-772-4925 for the Quebec shoreline.

TRACEY TONG/METRO OTTAWA

Search for justice

Family appeals for help in looking for two girls

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It's been nearly eight months since Aboriginal teens Maisy Odjick and Shannon Alexander disappeared from Maniwaki, on Sept. 5, 2008.

Suppressing tears and at times breaking down, Laurie Odjick told a press conference Thursday that from the beginning, not enough was done.

"I felt like a pea in the whole world."

And now, Odjick is pleading with members of the public to help in a search.

Search and Rescue Global 1 will be leading a massive search in Kitigan Zibi, Que., on Saturday, May 2. "As a family, we've had no support," said Odjick. "It's been a long and hard road for the family and we're grateful for the help now."

"We would like to see thousands of volunteers for the search," said Maisy's aunt, Maria Jacko. "There are two beautiful girls missing. We want to see justice for these girls."

"Today, we're talking about a search that should have been done when these two young women went missing," said Ellen Gabriel, president of Quebec Native Women Inc.

Aboriginal women are the most marginalized group in Canada, said Gabriel.

"Security and safety is a right for everybody," said Gabriel, "regardless of race or gender."



Laurie Odjick, left, and Maria Jacko, the mother and aunt of missing Maniwaki teen Maisy Odjick, pleaded with the community to join in a search for Maisy and Shannon Alexander.

Aboriginal police forces have limited resources when it comes to being able to respond to these situations, Gabriel said.

While Quebec police recently brought in a new investigator on the case, they need a specific squad to deal with missing persons and to investigate cold cases, said Pierre-Hughes Boisvenu, president of the Murdered or Missing Persons' Families Association.

"Two teen girls don't just disappear off the face of the Earth," said Odjick, who insists her daughter would have called to say she was OK.

"They had no money ...

just the clothes on their backs. I pray they are safe somewhere. I'm not going to stop fighting until I bring them home."

Shannon Alexander is 18 years old, five-foot-nine, 145 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes.

Maisy Odjick is 16 years old, six feet tall, 125 pounds with brown hair and eyes and two piercings in her bottom lip and one in her left nostril.

A bus for volunteer searchers from Ottawa leaves for Kitigan Zibi from Amnesty International on Laurier Avenue at 7 a.m. on May 2. Volunteers must be 18 years old.

To register or for more information, email cbenjamin@amnesty.ca.



Shannon Alexander



Maisy Odjick

MS Ottawa seeing increased demand

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DISEASE There are 1,500 people living with multiple sclerosis in the Ottawa area.

And lately — due to economy or awareness — more people have been tapping into the Ottawa chapter of the MS Society's resources.

"We're getting more requests for social services and financial aid and things like that," said Nadene Lee, resources coordinator with the Ottawa chapter.

This Sunday, more than 1,400 people from across Ottawa will gather at the Central Experimental Farm to endeavour to make the organization's task a bit easier.

In its 18th year, the Ottawa chapter MS Walk — one of more than 160 taking place across Canada — will raise money to fund research and to provide local programs and services for those with the disease.

Multiple sclerosis is the most common disease of the central nervous system (the brain and spinal cord)

among young adults in Canada. Canada has one of the highest rates of MS in the world, with approximately three people being diagnosed each day and with women three times more likely to be diagnosed as men.

Lee said organizers hope the event — which raised \$317,000 last year — will bring in \$350,000 this year.

"We're not sure with the economic times, but we're very hopeful and optimistic," she said.

Most of the money raised from the walk stays local, said Lee. Although the chapter funds Canadian MS research and shares funds with smaller chapters, most of the money raised this weekend goes towards funding the chapter's client services program.

"Seeing all the teams, friends and families dressed up and cheering on walk day really makes you realize how many people are touched by MS in our community," said walk chairman Mark Lloyd.

To register for the walk, visit www.mswalk.ca or sign up at the walk site from 8 to 10 a.m. Sunday.

News in brief

CRIME Police have charged a 38-year-old Ottawa woman with several fraud-related offences in relation to a fraudulent investment scheme that netted \$1.6 million. The organized fraud unit initiated an investigation in October 2008 in relation to a number of investors complaints received regarding a fraudulent invest-

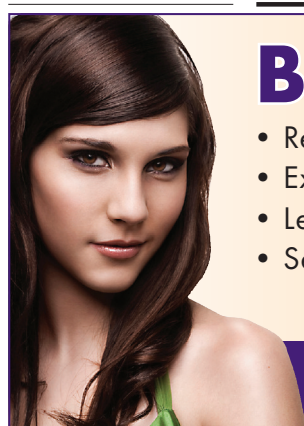
ment scheme. The suspect was found to be operating a fraudulent investment scheme that netted approximately \$1.6 million from more than 20 investors. Michelle Longchamps faces multiple counts of fraud, possession of proceeds of fraud, money laundering and forgery.

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Wedding was just a door

Marriage of convenience prompts downtown protest

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Two years ago, Lainie Towell married a musician from Guinea.

The couple moved back to Ottawa on New Year's Day 2007.

After only one month in Canada, Towell's husband disappeared. She didn't see him again until a few weeks ago, when he was issued a removal order from Canada.

However, as a permanent resident, he has appealed the order. Meanwhile, Towell remains his sponsor.

If her husband goes on social assistance, the government sends Towell the bill.

As she sees it, their wedding was just a doorway for him to get into Canada.



Dressed in her wedding gown, Ottawa performance artist Lainie Towell walked with a door through downtown on Thursday.

To draw attention to her problem, she put her wedding dress on again and carried a door in crucifixion-style performance art march from the National Gallery of Canada to Parliament Hill, which Towell titled *The Politics of Being Sufi Girl*.

"It was difficult for me,"

said Towell. "It's art crossing into life. The inspiration for this piece came from the real life that I'm living."

Towell is attempting to be relieved of all financial responsibilities for Soumah and wants a clause added to the immigration act that would protect sponsors who are abandoned or fall

victim to fraud.

Thousands of men and women fall victim to fraud marriages, according to Immigration Minister Jason Kenney.

Canada has a network of specialists who deal with marriage sponsorships to ensure they are legitimate, but once someone is past that stage, it is difficult to remove them.

"The sponsored spouse has all sorts of legal rights once they hit Canadian soil and it's impossible to remove someone like that quickly," said Kenney.

Kenney said he would like to crack down on this kind of practice but people have to take responsibility as well and make sure they are getting into relationships that they can really trust.

Interpreting Gatineau's nature

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ENVIRONMENT This spring at Gatineau Park, nature lovers and city slickers alike can learn to distinguish spring flowers from regular plants, and spot and identify migratory birds that have returned to their breeding grounds for the season.

The National Capital Commission has announced a series of nature interpretation programs beginning this Sunday at

the Gatineau Park Visitor Centre at 33 Scott Rd. in Chelsea.

The free programs — offered in French and English — run rain or shine starting this Sunday and will be held every Sunday through June. They will be led by experienced naturalists and include an indoor presentation followed by a guided walk on an accessible trail.

For more information, call 819-827-2020 or visit www.canadascapital.gc.ca/gatineau.

Program to help tech entrepreneurs

BUSINESS Laid-off high-tech workers looking to launch new businesses or products are getting a big boost.

The City of Ottawa, Carleton University and the Talent First Network are relaunching Lead to Win, a program targeted at keep-

ing talented tech workers in Ottawa.

Lead to Win organizer Tony Bailetti said the program, which is free for qualified candidates, helps entrepreneurs develop their business model.

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INFORMATION FEATURE

You have choices when it hurts



When pain becomes too much, some kids will harm themselves, says counsellor Sharon Girgis.

SELF-HARM When pain gets too hard to take, some kids deal with the problem the only way they know how — by harming themselves.

It's a problem that Sharon Girgis, a counsellor with Kids Help Phone, has seen all too often because kids often haven't learned good ways to cope with stress and pain.

"If kids have gone through some sort of personal trauma or stressful

situation or emotional pain, in general self-harm is what they'll do to divert their attention from the emotional to the physical," she said.

While adults can often find methods just as destructive to deal with their problems, kids are at a disadvantage because they may not understand there are better options.

"People will always have a variety of harmful coping mechanisms open to

Contact

• Kids Help Phone can be reached at 1-800-668-6868.

them, and many kids are at an age where they are still developing their helpful coping mechanisms," Girgis said.

In her eight years as a counsellor, Girgis has seen a wide variety of self-harm cases ranging from minor

to life-threatening, but said the one thing that always holds true across all cases is that despite the perception of relief it gives, self-harm never solves the underlying problems that cause it.

"If you ask people what they get from self-harming, they say they go numb while they're doing it. But

once the cutting stops, the problem is still there full-force. It doesn't really fix anything," Girgis said.

While Girgis said eating disorders were more common in the 1980s, self-harm has quickly become the negative coping tool of choice for kids in recent years.

"Definitely in the last 10 to 15 years there's

been an increase in self-harm, and experts don't entirely know why. A big part of it is exposure and word-of-mouth. Kids hear about it and want to try it out," Girgis said.

Girgis said kids who harm themselves can get caught up in a vicious cycle of guilt, hiding their wounds, lying about their behaviour while not addressing the root problem and, in many cases, exacerbating it. Many kids are too afraid to talk to their parents or loved ones about their self-harm problem and Girgis hopes those kids will take advantage of the experience, confidentiality and care that Kids Help Phone counsellors are ready to provide.

"There's always help out there if you choose it, and no matter how bad you feel about your behaviour there's always someone out there who understands and wants to help," Girgis said.



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Kyoto numbers rise

Greenhouse gas emissions from industrialized nations rose by nearly one per cent in 2007, led by strong gains in the United States, official data showed. Carbon emissions from countries signed up to the Kyoto Protocol climate pact edged up by 0.1 per cent in 2007, mainly due to rises in Japan and Canada. "The numbers are ... a bit depressing," said Knut Alfsen, research director at the Centre for International Climate and Environmental Research in Oslo, Norway. **REUTERS**

Diplomats appear healthy, official says

KIDNAPPING Two Canadian diplomats sported bushy grey beards but otherwise showed few physical signs of their four-month ordeal during their first public appearance after they were released from captivity.

Robert Fowler and Louis Guay were dressed in suits and were all smiles Thursday during a visit to the presidential palace in Mali to convey their personal thanks to President Amadou Toumani Touré for his country's help in securing their release.

Neither Fowler, who wore dark sunglasses to the indoor event, nor Guay spoke publicly but their brief appearance helped

comfort friends and loved ones worried about the effects of their long captivity.

"They appear to be okay physically," a government official said in Ottawa. "We're a little bit concerned that they did endure some mental and psychological abuse, but they're now free, they're safe."

"I think there is going to be a period of recovery. Such an ordeal doesn't just go away the next day after you are free," he said, adding the government would ensure they got all the help they needed.

Another source said the pair are in good health.

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Ukraine Jean tours Europe



Ukraine's President Viktor Yushchenko listens to Canadian Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean in Kiev Thursday while visiting a monument dedicated to the mass famine of 1932-33. Jean will go on to Norway following the state visit.

News in brief

IPHONES Apple Inc. didn't win any votes with parents, child advocacy groups or health experts across North America this week by offering a game called Baby Shaker to iPhone customers. Reaction to the

game, described by some parents and experts as totally inappropriate and tasteless, was so vociferous that Apple pulled it from its iTunes store on Wednesday.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ex-PM wanted author quiet, inquiry hears

Historian wrote books on Mulroney

Author William Kaplan said Thursday Brian Mulroney repeatedly tried to stop him from making public that the former prime minister took cash from arms dealer Karlheinz Schreiber.

"Mr. Mulroney did not want the story of the cash payment to become public and encouraged me on a number of occasions not to report on that," Kaplan told a public inquiry probing Mulroney's 1993-94 business dealings with Schreiber.

Schreiber says he paid Mulroney \$300,000 to lobby for a project to build German-designed armoured vehicles in Canada. He claims the deal was struck just before Mulroney stepped down as prime minister, although the money didn't change hands until later.

Schreiber eventually sued Mulroney for not living up to his part of the

deal, but has dropped the lawsuit.

Mulroney has admitted taking \$225,000 from Schreiber, but says he violated no federal ethics rules. He says his lobbying was confined to foreign leaders whose countries might have provided export markets for Thyssen, who hired Schreiber to get the factory built.

Federal lawyers at one time alleged that Mulroney and Schreiber were involved in a kickback scheme surrounding the 1988 purchase by Air Canada of Airbus jetliners.

Mulroney successfully sued the then-Liberal government over that claim and was awarded \$2.1 million in 1997.

Kaplan, a lawyer and Canadian historian, has written two books about Mulroney — Presumed Guilty, published in 1998, and A Secret Trial, six years later. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Actor and green activist Ed Begley Jr. tours the Canadian National Exhibition grounds in an eco-friendly 2010 Toyota Prius in Toronto Thursday.

The real deal

Actor Ed Begley Jr. lives the green movement

Ed Begley, Jr. runs his house and car off the solar panels on the roof of his modest California bungalow, cooks beans in a solar oven and pedals to toast his bread in the morning. But he flew in an airplane to speak at both the Ontario Energy Conservation Leadership Summit and last night's kick-off to the Green Living Show.

Begley is the real thing. He's been an environmentalist for almost 40 years now, long before the red carpet went green and Leonardo DiCaprio (who calls him a "true green pioneer") posed for Vanity Fair on a melting iceberg.

He cycles to Hollywood parties. He took a loan to buy a wind turbine in 1981. He grows one-quarter of his own food. The white picket fence before his house is made from recycled milk cartons. He's written a book about eco-living and starred in a reality television show

"We are at a point in history that our children and grandchildren are going to judge us harshly for if we don't do everything we can."

Ed Begley, Jr.

called Living with Ed.

Green living isn't just a hobby for Begley, it's an informed passion. He agrees that the science on climate change is daunting, and the planet's prognosis is bleak without an all-out commitment to cut greenhouse gas emissions. But he remains unabashedly upbeat.

"We can do this," he implores. "We are at a point in history that our children and grandchildren are going to judge us harshly for if we don't do everything we can."

He doesn't expect everyone to get solar panels. Start small, he says, with an energy audit. Maybe add insulation in your home to prevent energy loss. It will save you money, he says, and get

you hooked — soon you'll be brewing up all-natural household cleaners.

But what about all that flying? Each round-trip flight Begley takes spews out as much carbon as the average American household's electricity creates in a month — and he takes dozens a year.

"I didn't fly throughout the 1990s," he said. "But then my friend David Suzuki said, 'I think you should start flying and buy Terrapasses (carbon offsets). It's more important that you get the message out there.'"

But he paused, gazing at a bike locked to the post outside.

"We'll see," he said. "Maybe I will stop flying again." **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

New medical chief named

HEALTH An infectious disease expert who played a key role in the Canadian fight against SARS will take the helm of Ontario's public health system as the province's chief medical officer.

Dr. Arlene King, a pandemic preparedness expert, wants to increase Ontario's ability to respond to unknown and emerging infectious disease threats. Other priority areas for King are mental health issues, chronic disease and injury prevention, she said Thursday.

King's predecessor, Dr. Sheila Basrur, died of a rare form of cancer in 2008.



Arlene King

the kind of chief medical officer of health that she was to this province."

Dr. David Williams, the acting chief medical officer, returns to his former job as the associate chief medical officer of health.

King received her medical degree from McMaster Uni-

versity, was a family doctor in Alberta and held various positions at the British Columbia Centre for Disease Control. She takes over on June 15. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

News in brief

ALERT Canadians who have recently returned from Mexico should be on alert for flu-like symptoms that could be connected to a severe respiratory illness. The Public Health Agency of Canada informed health and quarantine services on April 17 that Mexican health authorities had advised Canada to be on alert for possible infections. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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World



Bony or beautiful?

Australia's Miss Universe contest was thrown into controversy Thursday, with doctors and dieticians complaining the leading finalist, Sydney model Stephanie Naumoska, left, who is five-foot-11 and weighs 108 pounds, was "skin and bones" and dangerously malnourished. **REUTERS**

Deadly suicide blasts hit Iraq

Two suicide bombers wearing vests full of explosives blew themselves up in separate attacks on Thursday, killing at least 76 people, including many Iranian pilgrims, in what appeared to be Iraq's bloodiest day in over a year.

Shortly after the two attacks, the authorities in Baghdad said they had arrested the purported leader of an al Qaeda-affiliated insurgent group, Abu Omar al-Baghdadi. His arrest, which has been reported before, could not be confirmed.

One of the attacks occurred near Muqaddiya, 80 kilometres (50 miles) northeast of Baghdad. The suicide bomber targeted a group of Iranian pilgrims in a crowded roadside restaurant at lunchtime.



A resident looks out from a damaged window after a bomb attack in Baghdad Thursday. A suicide bomber wearing a vest stuffed with explosives blew himself up in a group of police distributing relief supplies in Baghdad, killing at least 28.

All but two of the 48 dead were pilgrims. Seventy-seven people were wounded.

The other blast took place in central Baghdad as a group of Iraqi national

police were distributing relief supplies to families driven from their homes at the height of the violence. Twenty-eight people died, and 50 were wound-

ed, with at least five children and two Red Crescent workers among the dead. Some witnesses said the bomber was a woman.

REUTERS

UN sending aid team to Sri Lankan war zone

COLOMBO UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said Thursday he was sending a humanitarian team to Sri Lanka, where thousands are trapped as troops push to end a 25-year war with Tamil Tiger rebels.

Ban's decision came after the military said an exodus of 103,000 people from the tiny coastal strip had slowed, four days after troops blew up a barrier the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) built to stop them escaping.

Traumatized

Thousands of people fleeing the war zone are arriving at hospitals with horrific injuries and severe trauma, doctors said.

The safety of the remaining tens of thousands in the 13 square kilometre area prompted the Security Council to demand the LTTE surrender and Sri Lanka institute a pause to the fighting. **REUTERS**

News in brief

NORTH KOREA There is no sign of an easy solution to the North Korean crisis, Russia's foreign minister said on Thursday during a visit, where he is expected to urge the state not to restart its nuclear arms

plant. Sergey Lavrov, who is set to visit Seoul on Friday, flew to Pyongyang after the North also threatened to quit six-country nuclear disarmament talks in anger over UN censure for its rocket launch. **REUTERS**

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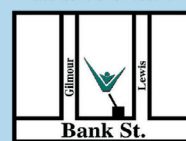
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Turkey, Armenia on road to stable relations with new map

Turkey and Armenia have agreed on a road map to normalize ties after nearly a century of hostility, a move quickly welcomed by the European Union. The deal, weeks after U.S. President Barack Obama urged Turkey to resolve the issue, came on the eve of the commemoration of mass killings of Armenians by Ottoman Turks in 1915. **REUTERS**

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Zuma leading South Africa polls

Thousands of ANC supporters celebrated with Jacob Zuma in Johannesburg on Thursday as the ruling party took a commanding lead in an election that looked set to make him president.

"This party is an elephant. You cannot actually topple an elephant," Zuma told a sea of cheering supporters clad in the party colours of yellow, green and black at ANC headquarters in central Johannesburg.

Zuma, who danced and sang his trademark "Bring me my machine-gun" anti-apartheid anthem, stressed the ANC was "not yet celebrating victory," although with more than half the votes counted, it was set for a resounding win.

The party had 67.06 per cent, according to the latest results, suggesting that despite a reinvigorated opposition it could recapture the two-thirds majority that gives it the power to shape laws.

Zuma portrays himself as a champion of the poor, and for many voters the ANC's credentials still outweigh its failure to tackle crime, poverty and AIDS.

The Congress of the People (COPE) party, formed by ANC dissidents, had hoped to pose the first real challenge since the end of apartheid in 1994, but won 7.79 per cent of votes counted. The ANC's closest rival was the Democratic Alliance — led by a white woman — with 16.22 per cent.

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African National Congress supporters celebrate in Johannesburg on Thursday. Thousands of ANC supporters celebrated with Jacob Zuma as the ruling party took a commanding lead in an election that looked set to make him president.

Pakistani forces attacked in area held by Taliban

ISLAMABAD Unidentified gunmen attacked Pakistani paramilitary troops who deployed on Thursday to a district virtually taken over by the Taliban, a day after Washington said Islamabad had abdicated to militants in the region.

Around 100 paramilitary troops were sent to Buner district, not far from Islamabad, police said. Soon after they arrived, militants attacked their convoy, killing a policeman escorting them.

Surging violence across Pakistan and the spread of Taliban influence in the northwest has revived concerns about the stability of the state, which is crucial to U.S. efforts to stabilize Afghanistan.

After failing to quell the Taliban through force, President Asif Ali Zardari last week approved enforcement of Islamic sharia law in the Swat valley and adjoining areas despite criticism from Western countries and Pakistani liberal and rights groups.

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G8, poor nations seek deal to halt extinctions

SICILY Environment ministers from major rich and developing nations put the final touches on Thursday to an agreement to slow the rate of extinction of species around the world.

Members of the G8 industrial countries and ma-

nor developing economies discussed a charter aimed at a deal to slow biodiversity loss by 2010.

Almost every country in the world in 2002 agreed to a "significant reduction" in the rate of biodiversity loss by 2010. The EU has

set an even tougher goal, of halting the loss of biodiversity by 2010, but scientists warn extinctions are quickening. Some experts say extinction rates are running at 1,000 times their natural pace due to man's influence.

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News in brief

THAILAND A state of emergency in the capital city of Bangkok will be lifted on Friday, Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva said nearly two weeks after he imposed emergency rule to quell violent street protests.

TRADE The Obama administra-

tion is committed to concluding long-running world trade talks and wants to move forward on trade deals with Panama, Colombia and South Korea negotiated by former President George W. Bush, U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk said Thursday.

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Are choices really green?



Stefanie Urbanowicz

Kermit the Frog had it right when he said, "It's not easy being green." We all want to do the right thing for the environment, but it's very confusing. We are constantly bombarded with new "green" choices — compact fluorescent light bulbs, organic food, bio-fuels and even greener packaging. But are these choices really more environmentally friendly?

It's trickier than it seems. Close examination shows the choices aren't clear, and what we think is green might actually be worse for the environment. For example, organic foods are perceived to offer a better environmental choice — but only if they aren't transported thousands of miles. Fluorescent light bulbs last longer and consume less energy — but they are loaded with toxic mercury lethal to hu-

mans and the environment. Bio-fuels may create less air pollution — but they may divert valuable, needed land from food production, straining the world's food supply.

Even the much-promoted reusable grocery bag is a case study in how tricky green can be. Cotton

in Canada are made from heavy plastic.

Another not-so-green aspect of reusable bags is most are made in China and shipped here when they could be made in Canada.

Surprisingly, the much-vilified plastic shopping bag may be much better for the environment than people think. Why?



reusable bags are very fossil fuel intensive and soil depleting. According to the Pesticide Action Network of North America, 25 per cent of the world's insecticides are used in the production of cotton. Perhaps that's why most reusable grocery bags

First, it's usually made in Canada, eliminating carbon-producing long-distance transport. Second, it's made from clean natural gas produced right here in Canada. And without plastic bags what will we do with our household garbage? Using

your 99-cent reusable bag as a bin liner isn't going to happen, so now you'll buy kitchen catchers containing almost double the amount of plastic of traditional bags you used to get for free. This will cost more and result in more plastic being consumed.

Also what happens to that reusable bag when it tears or the handle breaks? Contrary to what we've been told, reusable grocery bags cannot be recycled in Canada.

Ironically, traditional plastic shopping bags are easily recycled across Ontario in blue bin programs and at participating retailers with a real environmental ethos. These bags are recyclable, and they're remanufactured in Ontario into useful new products like drainage pipes and garden edging — creating much needed manufacturing jobs.

Even Kermit the Frog would be pleased with this green choice.

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Worth mentioning

Zen and the art of email

STRESS Millions of Americans at this very moment are online, scrolling, reading and typing at their computers.

Many more are receiving and sending emails or text messages via cellphones and BlackBerry.

But despite all this activity, most of these people are getting very little done, says stress-reduction expert Soren Gordhamer in his book "Wisdom 2.0 — Ancient Secrets for the Creative & Constantly Connected."

While people constantly update their Facebook pages and co-workers sitting just feet apart communicate on Twitter, Gordhamer contends this widespread use of technology is actually making the U.S. less connected and creative than ever.

One of the key messages in the book is there is something missing in the lives of millions of anxious technoslaves across the country.

"The something that is missing is not more tools or technologies, but the state of our consciousness," Gordhamer writes. "It is the lack of connection to the place inside us of ease and focus — the creative mind."

But while some people turn to technology to fill a void, Gordhamer says it has also become one of

the biggest sources of stress for the average American, with the Internet providing a particular challenge.

But avoiding technology is not the answer, Gordhamer writes. Instead, he presents ways to regain control of it.

Gordhamer, who teaches stress-reduction techniques, suggests readers incorporate Eastern meditative practices to help ease the frantic anxiety produced by high-speed techno-culture.

Using many Zen Buddhist and Sufi parables, the book recommends a "middle way" approach for the modern worker, with a range of activities like breathing exercises and five-minute meditations to increase focus and awareness.

There's even a session on insomnia and a quick guide for "mindfulness" emailing, in which readers are advised to sit upright, take deep breaths and slow the pace of communication, or delay sending the message for a day or two.

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Views

Ottawa gives money a megaphone

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The day before city council voted to enter negotiations on the Lansdowne Live stadium proposal, gadfly-in-residence Clive Doucet urged his fellow councillors, in the interests of transparency, to declare any campaign contributions they had accepted from the proponents.

Orleans Coun. Bob Monette denounced Doucet for "grandstanding" and took offence at the suggestion any councillor's vote could be influenced by the developers' money. No voluntary disclosures were forthcoming.

Any donation to a municipal candidate over \$100 is technically public information, but the City of Ottawa doesn't make donor lists available online, as Elections Canada does for federal campaigns.

Anyone who's curious must drop by the city's elections office and view the lists, or pay for copies. So the information is available, if not particularly accessible. Money's a touchy subject.

Coun. Alex Cullen has crunched donor data to produce post-election reports in which he argues the city's campaign finance regulations are overdue for reform, a ban on corporate and union donations in particular.

"Businesses are not philan-

thropic enterprises: They contribute based on their self interest or, at best, as a form of investment," Cullen wrote in his 2003 report.

Politicians always deny campaign contributions influence them, and the companies coughing up the cash invariably claim to be simply "participating in the democratic process," but it is hardly a coincidence these companies do business with the city and rely on council decisions. Primarily, they are in real estate development, construction, waste management, taxis and the like.

Corporate and union donations have been eliminated at the federal level, but not in Ottawa, where contributions

"(Alex Cullen) argues the city's campaign finance regulations are overdue for reform."

from a fairly small group of companies accounted for 30 per cent of campaigns for council seats in 2006, according to Cullen.

Most of the corporate money goes to incumbents, and in the past two elections, every single one has been re-elected.

Money talks, but Ottawa's rules give it a megaphone.

And as far as Coun. Doucet's concerns go, one of the principals of the Lansdowne Live team is John Ruddy, president of Trinity Development Group, which is identified in Cullen's last report as one of the city's big electoral spenders.

Trinity gave a total of \$11,000 to 15 candidates in the 2006 election, including \$750 to Coun. Monette.

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Philip Morris smokers still lighting up

A better-than-expected profit at Marlboro-seller Philip Morris International showed most smokers are still lighting up despite the global slowdown. Cigarettes are viewed as relatively recession-resistant because of their addictive nature and the strong brand loyalty of its customers. **REUTERS**

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Central bank readies fixes

But unconventional measures may not be implemented

The Bank of Canada said Thursday it is unlikely to adopt any unconventional policies before June, if at all, to stimulate the slumping economy now that the bank has run out of room to cut interest rates.

At the same time, the central bank provided a framework for use of such measures, which include an expansion of money supply through purchasing financial assets in the market, known as quantitative easing, and rescuing pri-

Contraction

- The Bank of Canada projected an annualized 7.3 per cent economic contraction in the

first quarter of this year, which is the biggest contraction on record.

vate-sector credit markets, which it calls credit easing.

It spoke of the "need for prudence in the use of these instruments," which have had some success in the United States, Britain and Switzerland.

Clearly concerned about the possibility of over-

shooting if it did engage unconventional measures, the bank cited "considerable uncertainty with respect to the size and timing of the economy's response to these measures."

The bank provided markets with few clues on the likelihood of ever imple-

menting such measures, the types of securities it might target first or the size of such purchases.

It said it would announce any planned purchases at the bank's scheduled rate announcements, the next one being June 4. It would also announce the size of purchases it would make until the next fixed date.

It said it would only announce new policy measures in between set dates in "exceptional circumstances."

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Business in brief

AUTO Zenn Motor Co. Inc. shares shot nearly 70 per cent higher Thursday morning after a partner of the electric car

maker announced positive performance data on a groundbreaking battery it is developing.

CREDIT U.S. President Barack Obama Thursday urged U.S. credit card companies to reform their practices, saying

they should stop unfair rate increases and be more transparent and accountable.

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Former Blue Jay Dave Bush held Philadelphia hitless for 7 ¹/₃ innings before pinch-hitter and fellow former Jay Matt Stairs of Fredericton, N.B., homered off the foul pole, and the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Phillies 6-1 Thursday. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

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Bad news for the Blue Jays

The Toronto Blue Jays placed left-handed starter Ricky Romero and closer B.J. Ryan on the 15-day disabled list Thursday. Romero has a right oblique muscle strain while Ryan has a strained trapezius muscle. Romero has been one of the bright spots in the Jays rotation, going 2-0 with a 1.71 ERA. Ryan has been struggling, blowing two saves in four chances so far. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Brodeur ties playoff record

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2009 Playoffs

Martin Brodeur quickly recovered from Tuesday's devastating last-second loss and used 44 saves to post his 23rd career postseason shutout to lead the New Jersey Devils to a 1-0 victory over the Carolina Hurricanes in Game 5 of their Eastern Conference quarterfinal series at Prudential Center.

Brodeur, who earlier this year became the all-time regular season shutouts leader, is now tied with Patrick Roy atop the all-time postseason whitewash list. David Clarkson scored for New Jersey, which leads this best-of-seven series 3-2.

For a recap of Game 4 of the Sharks/Ducks series, visit metronews.ca



Red Wings 6, Blue Jackets 5

Johan Franzen scored the game-winning power-play goal with 46.6 seconds left in the third period, and the defending Stanley Cup champion Detroit Red Wings held on to complete a four-game sweep of the Columbus Blue Jackets with a 6-5 win in Game 4 of the Western Conference quarterfinal series at Nationwide Arena.

With the game deadlocked at 5-5 late in the third period, Columbus was assessed a penalty for too

many men on the ice with 1:34 left and Detroit capitalized.

Flyers 3, Penguins 0

Martin Biron stopped all 28 shots he faced as the Philadelphia Flyers staved off elimination with a 3-0 decision over the Pittsburgh Penguins in Game 5 of their Eastern Conference quarterfinal from

Mellon Arena. Biron posted his second career postseason shutout for the effort, the first time the Flyers have blanked the Penguins in a playoff game in their five-series history.

Arron Asham, Claude Giroux and Mike Knuble lit the lamp for Philadelphia, who returns home for Game 6 Saturday. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Martin Brodeur makes a glove save under pressure from Ray Whitney in New Jersey Thursday night.

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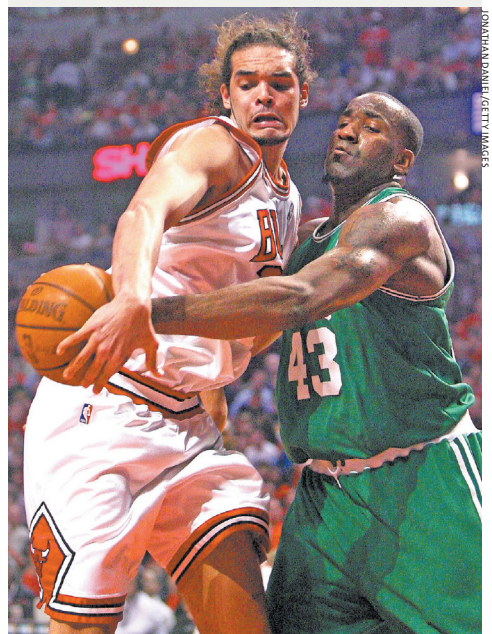
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Sports in brief

NHL Nicklas Lidstrom of the Detroit Red Wings, Mike Green of the Washington Capitals and Zdeno Chara of the Boston Bruins are the finalists for the Nor-

ris Trophy as the NHL's top defenceman, the league announced Thursday. The NHL awards are June 18. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

NBA Celts, Bulls battle in Game 3



The Bulls' Joakim Noah pulls the ball away from Boston's Kendrick Perkins Thursday. The Celtics won 107-86 to take a 2-1 series lead. For a recap, visit metronews.ca/sports.

For recaps of Game 3 of the Spurs/Mavericks and Lakers/Jazz series, visit metronews.ca/sports



Kuliga a rarity in the world of pro football agents

PERRY LEFKO
for Metro Canada



Kristen Kuliga calls herself the Josephine Maguire of National Football League agents.

Similar to the fictional movie character Jerry Maguire, Kuliga began in the high-profile world of representing NFL and CFL

"It's something different and in this business you have to differentiate yourself."

Kristen Kuliga

players with only one client, which evolved into multiple clients.

Kuliga, who is based out of Boston, launched her career as one of the few women representing NFL players through Doug Flutie in 2001.

She negotiated the \$33 million contract he signed with San Diego and later did his deal in New England and then in broadcasting following his retirement.

Some of her current NFL players include linebacker Alfred Fincher (New Orleans), linebacker Jeremy Cain (Philadelphia) and punter Ben Graham (Arizona). She also represents wide receiver Brandon Robinson of Boston Col-



Kristen Kuliga got her start representing Doug Flutie.

lege and centre Michael Parenton of Tulane, both of whom are eligible for this weekend's NFL Draft. Her clients also include quarterback Quinton Porter of the Hamilton

Tiger-Cats and former Indianapolis Colts running back Clifton Dawson, a Torontonians whose CFL rights are owned by the Toronto Argonauts.

Kuliga said player agenting is tough regardless of being a man or a woman. "It's very competitive," she said.

"There are about 800 or so certified agents and I think it's something like 20 per cent of the agents represent 80 per cent of the players.

"I see it not so much that it's more difficult as a female. I see it's more difficult as a small boutique firm out there when you're competing against the big firms.

"As a woman I can hon-

estly say I've never been treated with disrespect from general managers or scouts. Sometimes I think it gives me an advantage because these guys work with men 24 hours of the day, so it's something different and I think in this business you have to differentiate yourself."

She began her career providing marketing support for players starting in 1994, starting with Flutie while he was with the Calgary Stampeders, before branching out on her own and forming K Sports & Entertainment.

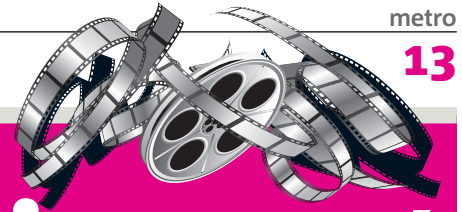
"I always say it's the Josephine Maguire (story)," she said. "In the back of my mind I always wanted to be an agent."

NFL draft weekend

- The Atlanta Falcons acquired tight end Tony Gonzalez from the Kansas City Chiefs Thursday for a second-round pick in 2010.
- The Detroit Lions hold the first pick this weekend and are rumoured to be courting Georgia QB Matthew Stafford.
- Notable draft-eligible Canadians include OL Justin Sorensen (Parksville, B.C.) of South Carolina and DE Jamaal Westernman (Brampton, Ont.) of Rutgers.
- Western Ontario DL Vaughn Martin has worked out for several NFL teams and has the distinction of being the first CIS underclassman to declare for the NFL draft.
- The NFL draft kicks off Saturday at 4 p.m. (TSN).

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Jennifer Garner, the star of new romantic comedy *Ghosts of Girlfriends Past*, discusses nuptials, family and her unexpected work.

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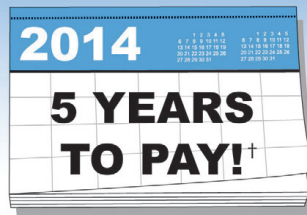
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Laughter's the best duct tape

Garner keeps her humour on with comedy Ghosts of Girlfriends Past

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Movie feature

In Jennifer Garner's latest film, *Ghosts of Girlfriends Past*, she plays maid of honour for a wedding imperiled by her caddish ex, played by Matthew McConaughey. But to hear Garner tell it, she's often the one more likely to wreak havoc on someone else's nuptials.

"I'm usually part of the disaster of a wedding if I'm a bridesmaid, which I've been lucky to be several times," Garner says, smiling sheepishly. "One time I had had my dress altered and hadn't tried it on again, and there was six inches left on the hem," she remembers.

"We had to duct tape it up. You can fix anything with duct tape."

Garner's own wedding to

Ben Affleck wasn't so fraught, and the two have become an anomaly in Hollywood: A normal, happy family.

"The rule with marriage is the less you talk about it, the better, as far as I can tell," Garner jokes.

Garner and Affleck recently welcomed their second daughter, Serraphina. Juggling young motherhood and working isn't easy, but Garner counts herself lucky to have the kind of job she does.

"I work really intensely, but in a place where if I need to take a break and feed a baby, they let me, which isn't always the case for women in the corporate world," Garner explains.

But forget being a working mother — Garner is



Jennifer Garner stars opposite Matthew McConaughey in the rom-com *Ghosts of Girlfriends Past*.

surprised she's working in film at all. "I never expected to be in front of a cam-

era, even when I was studying acting," she says. "I wouldn't even go into the

film school at my school. I was only about the stage. I was a total snob."

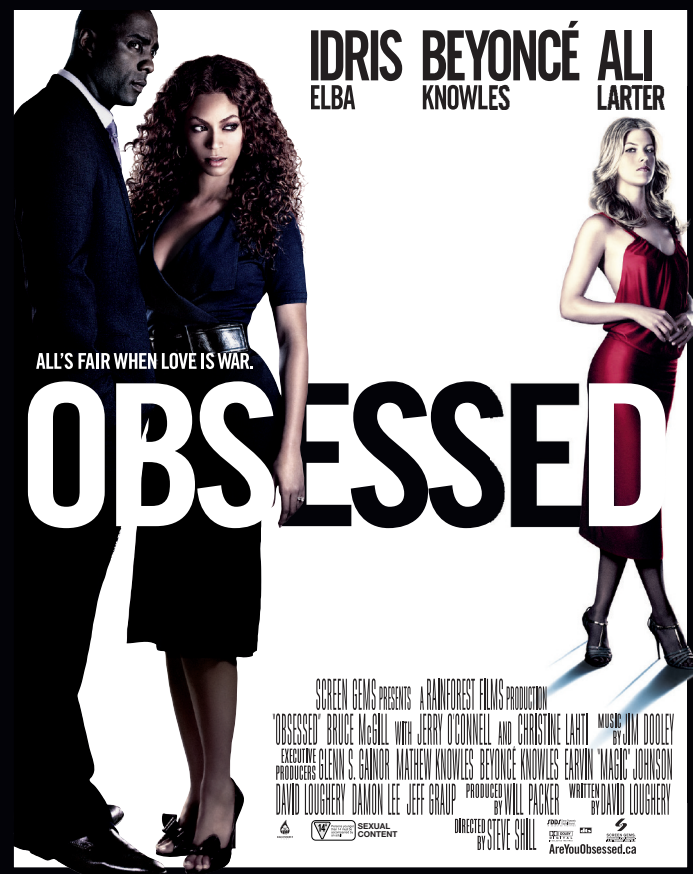
Luckily she abandoned that snobbishness, and went on to find success in television and film, including her breakthrough roles in the TV series *Alias* and in the film *13 Going on 30*, another romantic comedy.

And Garner will continue in comedy for the time being, appearing soon in Ricky Gervais' *The Invention of Lying*, about a world where everyone tells the truth. But working with laugh-happy Gervais proved tricky.

"The worst thing about Ricky as a director is that if something is funny at all, he breaks and laughs and ruins your take," Garner says. "I would say, 'It's your movie. Just go in another room and let me just do it.'"

Surely nothing a little duct tape can't fix, though. *Ghosts of Girlfriends Past* opens in theatres next Friday.

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Fighting no knockout

Fighting

Director: Dito Montiel
Stars: Channing Tatum, Terence Howard
Classification: 14A
Rating: ●●●

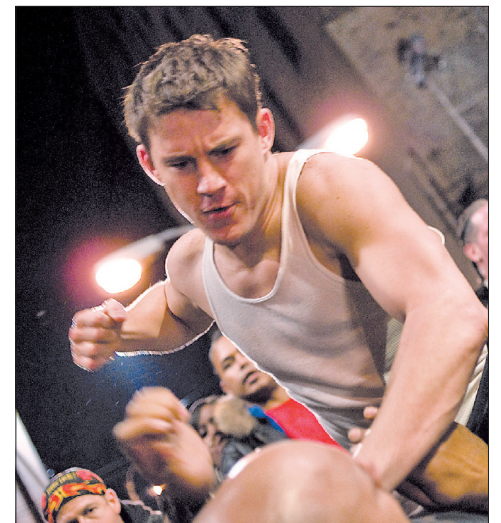
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for Metro Canada



REVIEW You wouldn't assume from its title that *Fighting* has surprisingly little conflict. I'm not talking about drag-down, split-lip knuckledusters. Oh, there's plenty of that. But in-between those striking sequences, *Fighting* is flat-out stagnant.

Directed by punk musician-turned-filmmaker Dito Montiel, *Fighting* tells the story of street-wise Shawn (Channing Tatum), a money-hungry hustler (with a seeming inability to form facial expressions) who discovers the world of underground fist-fighting through a con man named Harvey (Terrence Howard).

Of course, here's where the clichés start adding up: Shawn (inspired by Rocky Balboa perhaps?) charms a single working mom with his dull-headed honesty while the film builds to an obvious championship battle against his nemesis — a former team member from



Channing Tatum plays a street-wise hustler in *Fighting*.

his wrestling days back in Alabama.

It seems Shawn may be the jealous type.

Which brings me to *Fighting*'s main flaw — motive or lack thereof. While Montiel surely has a knack for capturing some compelling combat on film, *Fighting* doesn't give us enough backstory or a reason to understand why or how Shawn has gotten to this lot in life.

However, where Montiel lacks in establishing pur-

pose, he does counteract with a slightly engaging homage to gritty pre-Giuliani Manhattan. Accompanied by a cool '70s-era soundtrack, the film feels dirty and the characters call back to an earlier New York.

When one annoying street-lady rambles on about Manhattan's new developments in Harvey's presence, he simply says, "move on, lady." Unfortunately for Montiel, so will movie audiences.

Movies

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Jamie Foxx, left, and Robert Downey Jr. star in *The Soloist*, directed by Joe Wright.

Foxx jarring note in moving *Soloist*

The *Soloist*

Director: Joe Wright

Stars: Robert Downey Jr., Jamie Foxx

Classification: PG

Rating: ●●●●●

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Between its infamous rescheduling out of Oscar season last year and star Robert Downey Jr.'s hilarious diatribe in *Tropic Thunder* about the perils of playing mentally ill on film, it's hard to watch *The Soloist* without that little golden guy tapping on your shoulder.

Sure, Jamie Foxx makes a good schizophrenic homeless Juilliard dropout, but an Oscar-worthy one?

While Foxx's job as Nathaniel Ayers checks off all the boxes for a stirring portrayal of mental illness, there's little spark to it. Too much of the effort

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shows, leaving not so much a character onscreen as Jamie Foxx playing a character. He doesn't disappear into the role so much as show it off.

But Downey quietly steals the movie out from under his co-star. His Steve Lopez is a fantastic mix of world-weary cynicism and innate curiosity, trying to remain calm as the newspaper he works for — and the industry itself — crumbles around him.

Unfortunately, he also suffers the moments meant to play for laughs, which come off as forced and out of place. And the repeated "comic" scenarios that culminate with Downey covered in urine

suggest almost a fetish on the part of the filmmakers.

But who knows? It's based on a true story, so maybe Steve Lopez really is that unlucky around urine.

The one aspect of the film that may split audiences is the inclusion of actual Skid Row residents and mentally ill shelter-dwellers, playing themselves, making some scenes come off impressively like a documentary.

While putting a real, human face on the issue is laudable and eye-opening, watching Hollywood star Jamie Foxx in full homeless drag sitting among actual homeless people is more than a little jarring and gives the film the unfortunate aftertaste of stunt casting.

But for all its faults, *The Soloist* is a quietly powerful movie, with a satisfying if subdued conclusion.

• Visit metronews.ca for a trailer of *The Soloist*, or for local screen times.

Williams shines in *Wendy and Lucy*

Wendy and Lucy

Director: Kelly Reichardt

Stars: Michelle Williams

Classification: STC

Rating: ●●●●

KEVIN COURRIER
for Metro Canada

REVIEW In the American road movies of the past, people usually headed out with great ambition, investing a hope of discovering something of the country's true spirit.

Whether it was the doomed Peter Fonda and Dennis Hopper mounting their hogs and blazing a trail through America's heartland in *Easy Rider* (1969), or Art Carney and his cat in their twilight years seeking new digs in *Harry and Tonto* (1974), the task was a quest to find America. That was then.

In Kelly Reichardt's understated, yet lovely, *Wendy and Lucy*, the goals and dreams are far simpler — and the quest to find America is more elusive than ever.

With little money, Wendy (Michelle Williams) hits the road with her loyal pooch Lucy to seek work in Alaska at a cannery. When her car breaks down in Oregon, she commits a desperate act that separates her from her dog. For the rest of the movie, Wendy hunts for Lucy while having to take full stock of her predicament.

Wendy and Lucy doesn't revel in despair. Reichardt only seeks comfort in Michelle Williams' stirring performance.

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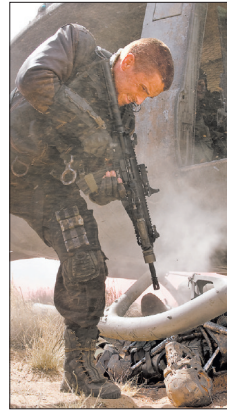
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Reel Time

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X-Men Origins: Wolverine, starring Hugh Jackman, will open the summer blockbuster parade on May 1, with other big releases, such as the Christian Bale starrer Terminator Salvation, right, to come in the following months.



Mikhalkov's 12 radically different

12

Director: Nikita Mikhalkov
Stars: Sergei Makovetsky, Sergey Garmash
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●●

CHRIS ALEXANDER
 for Metro Canada



A scene from 12.

REVIEW Lumet's tightly wound 1957 set-bound thriller 12 Angry Men is rightfully referred to as a bona fide American classic. In it, Henry Fonda sets off a blustery debate amongst the titular sequestered jurors as to the possible innocence of a young boy who otherwise appears guilty of murder and much dialogue driven conflict ensues.

And while the film's strengths lay in both the crackerjack performances (by some of that era's most prominent character actors) and Lumet's claustrophobic direction, Russian director Nikita Mikhalkov's new revamp — simply called 12 — is a much more epic affair, expanding and altering the story (and the running time: The movie is over 2.5 hours long) and switching the setting from a sweaty room in Anytown, U.S.A., to a massive high school gymnasium in a winter-battered Russia that is still feeling the equally icy reverberations of a decades-long conflict.

After a young, orphaned Chechen boy is accused of murdering his Russian stepfather, the radically different dozen jurors hole themselves up in said gym to debate his guilt. As the already trial-weary members sit down to put the case to bed quickly, one

lone juror goes against the grain and, like in Lumet's picture, personalities become exposed as the day gets darker.

12 may sport the theme and narrative drive of the original, but its a radically different beast for a different age and a different culture.

Cutting back from the screaming jurors to the boy's own horrifically realized, tortured and tragic history (something the original did not do) Mikhalkov's film quietly evolves into a disturbing and operatic allegorical morality play about the very essence of human nature and, even more relevantly, the volatile class structure rot that is strangling and dividing Russian society.

By the end of the film you're both spent and revitalized. It's a stylish, surprisingly violent and often quite funny movie, and if there's perhaps one overly dramatic soliloquy too many, one thing about it remains absolute — 12 is unforgettable.

Blockbuster season

Studios ready to roll out their box-office hopefuls

STEVE GOW
 for Metro Canada

It's hard to believe, but in one week the month of May will be upon us and with it the onset of the summer blockbuster season.

Sure, 2009 has already made some surprising splashes at the box office (I'm looking at you, Paul Blart: Mall Cop), but with such highly-anticipated releases as Terminator Salvation (May 22), the sixth Harry Potter film (July 15) and G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (August 7), summer should ensure some of the year's biggest moneymakers.

Here's a peek at a few of summer's exciting highlights:

X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE (MAY 1)

Like last year's Iron Man, summer kicks off with a



A scene from Harry Potter and The Half-Blood Prince.

hotly-anticipated comic-book movie. Everyone's favorite mutant, Wolverine, brings Hugh Jackman back into the role that made him a Hollywood star.

STAR TREK (MAY 8)

If you don't know about J.J. Abrams' overhyped reimagining of this sci-fi franchise, then you've been living on the planet Gamma Hydra IV (and if you got that reference, you definitely knew about this

remake). This should be one of the biggest hits of 2009.

UP (MAY 29)

Like Wall-E and every other Pixar animated flick before it, this clever comedy about an old man who converts his house into a hot-air balloon will surely send ticket sales skyward.

LAND OF THE LOST (JUNE 5)

An adaptation of the cheesy 1970s Saturday morning TV series, a scientist is sucked through a vortex back to prehistoric times. With Will Ferrell in charge, somehow I suspect it'll be tongue-in-cheek.

Summer Preview

TRANSFORMERS: REVENGE OF THE FALLEN (JUNE 26)

Shia LaBeouf, Megan Fox and those crazy morphing robots are back in this thrilling sequel. Since the 2007 original earned over \$300 million in ticket sales, I'd say this is a safe bet at the box office.

PUBLIC ENEMIES (JULY 1)

Want a guaranteed big-screen hit? Take Johnny Depp, add director Michael Mann (Collateral) and get them together for a movie about legendary bank robber John Dillinger. There you go. Instant hit.

BRÜNO (JULY 10)

Sacha Baron Cohen's hit character Borat comes back in the form of Brüno, a flamboyant designer who taunts everything from high-end fashion designers to gun-toting rednecks. Early buzz predicts it will be just as provocative and funny as Borat. No word yet on appearances by hairy, naked fat dudes.

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Two new additions to Iron Man cast

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Reel Time

***** A CLASSIC; **** EXCELLENT; *** GOOD; ** FAIR; * POOR

Great fiction in the name of truth

InFocus**Richard Crouse**

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Mark Twain understood basing stories on real events wouldn't necessarily mean a tale couldn't have its own flights of fancy.

"Truth is stranger than fiction," he said, "but it is because fiction is obliged to stick to possibilities; truth isn't."

In simpler terms he means that just because something is far fetched doesn't mean it didn't happen. For example, if a screenwriter came up with the colourful idea that a homeless man, dressed like a superhero was a musical genius who believed

Beethoven was the "leader of Los Angeles" you'd scream "Codswallop!" That is until you see the real life account of Nathaniel Ayers, subject of *The Soloist*, in theatres this week.

What did Ayers, a schizophrenic man with a larger than life personality, think of Jamie Foxx's portrayal of him? He was, said Mr. Ayers, "a good Nathaniel."

Another real life character, John Wojtowicz, who robbed a bank to pay for his lover's sex change operation, earned \$7,500 for the movie rights for his outlandish story. The resulting movie, *Dog Day Afternoon*, only got 30 per cent of the facts right, Wojtowicz said, but he added that "Al Pacino's performance has to be called 'out of sight...'" his characterization was flawless.

Of course some movies don't even get 30 per cent of the story right.

Who could forget Morgan Freeman as Joe Clark, Lean on Me's tyrannical

"If an audience believes that something's based on a real event, it gives you permission to do things they might otherwise not accept."

Joel Coen

high school principal? On screen armed with a bullhorn and determination he led the rowdy students of New Jersey's Eastside High School to their highest test scores ever. It was an inspirational movie, but the real life story isn't quite as stirring. Screenwriters kept the extraordinary aspects of Clark's story — his use of bullhorns in class and penchant for extreme discipline — but inflated his accomplishments. Despite his notable efforts, test scores didn't go up.

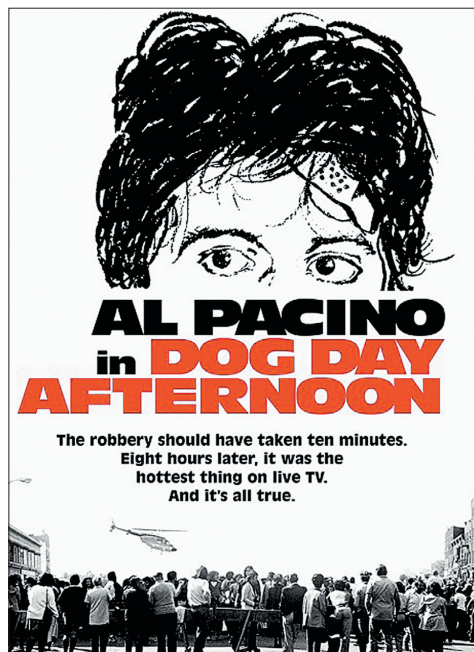
When asked about the

exaggerations in the "based on a true story" account of his life Clark said, "It's entertainment. And the design of entertainment is to make people happy. There's enough sadness in one's life. Once in a while you must extract a reasonable facsimile of glee, as factitious as it may be."

Sometimes, in the "design of entertainment" the words "Based on a True Story" are completely meaningless. In its opening credits *Fargo* claimed to be a true story, but it's actually not. Why make claims to realism then? "If an audience believes that something's based on a real event," said co-director Joel Coen, "it gives you permission to do things they might otherwise not accept."

Mark Twain would have understood.

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Music

McClelland finds retro-roots voice

GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM
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Melissa McClelland has always been open to new styles of music. What she needed was a focus. She found it through a few months in Nashville and a new home in Hamilton.

Over the years, the Burlington, Ont., raised singer-songwriter has backed up pop mega-star Sarah McLachlan, sang for flamenco guitarist Jesse Cook, crooned with Vancouver rocker Matthew Good, collaborated with alt-country veterans Blue Rodeo and worked daytime TV with 10-year-old star Daniel Cook.

Her debut solo album, *Stranded* in Suburbia (2004), was aimed at the pop charts and got plenty of air time on mainstream ra-

"I was so happy with the way the last album turned out, but it was a transition record. I was trying to find out where I was going with my songwriting." Melissa McClelland

dio stations. Her second album, *Thumbellina's One Night Stand*, (2006) was more of a collage, featuring pop, country, folk and cabaret.

"I was so happy with the way the last album turned out, but it was a transition record," McClelland says. "I was trying to find out where I was going with my songwriting. I was trying out the whole roots thing and it was feeling really good but it hadn't really taken shape yet."

On her new CD, *Victoria Day*, that focus takes shape in a retro-roots way. Although the 12 tracks on the album are all originals, they

have a distinctive sound that resides in the late '50s torch songs of Patsy Cline and Peggy Lee.

McClelland says she absorbed the country roots sound while living in Nashville with her husband/producer Luke Doucet for a few months in 2006.

The key tracks on the CD, however, focus on McClelland's return home from her brief flirtation with Music City. The couple started off living in an apartment in Toronto and then purchased a house in Hamilton. The two-part title track, *Victoria Day*, follows the move lyrically, starting off where "the devil lives in



Although the 12 tracks on Melissa McClelland's new album *Victoria Day* are all originals, they have a distinctive sound that resides in the late '50s torch songs of Patsy Cline and Peggy Lee.

Christie Pits" and moving to "Steeltown" and "a big old house with too many floors and ghosts for every story we've never told."

The move started out bumpy in the early spring

of last year, but was pretty much finished by *Victoria Day*. Hence the title.

"We moved into a beautiful old house that came with its own set of issues," McClelland says. "There

were bats and squirrels living there. The walls were crumbling and everything was falling apart. We put a tremendous amount of work into it. But it's all good now."

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Music

Cure for Writer's Block

Sweden's Peter Bjorn and John reinvent sound after breakout success

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

After reading Peter Bjorn and John's press release for their new album *Living Thing*, you can't help but feel the guys are a bit frustrated that *Young Folks*, their hit single with the infectious whistle off 2006's *Writer's Block*, got as popular as it did.

"What a lot of people don't seem to understand is that we're celebrating our 10th anniversary as a band this year, they think this will be our second album when in reality it's actually our fifth," said lead singer Peter Moren in the release.

When I spoke with him a few weeks before the band's new disc hit shelves, he made it known that while he was appreciative of what that song has done for his career, *Young Folks*' popularity was a mixed blessing.

"It was 99 per cent helpful," he says on the phone from the group's home base, Stockholm, Sweden. "But because it was tied into one song like that, we



Living Thing, the fifth album by Sweden's Peter Bjorn and John, is now available in stores.

had to make an instrumental album (2008's *Seaside Rock*). It was therapeutic for us to get into the studio without expectations."

But, while it's true that *Seaside Rock* is technically the follow-up to *Writer's Block*, it's *Living Thing* that people will compare to their hit record. If fans are looking for an album full of sunny, *Young Folks*-like pop, they're going to be disappointed, mostly because that one song isn't what Peter Bjorn and John are about. The band has al-

ways had a dark streak, and it's out in full force here — the trio set their musical focus on spooky percussion and minimalist guitars and bass; in fact, the whole disc consists mostly of just vocals, drums and electro sounds.

However, every song still has the same infectious melodies that made *Young Folks* a hit, it'll just take fans of that song a while to warm up to these somewhat less accessible tracks. But, if their fans bothered to listen to more than just

Writer's Block, they'd understand that *Living Thing* isn't actually that different from their previous work.

"The album before *Writer's Block* was a bit more angry and sad," says Moren. "It just felt natural to do something in that vein again."

Moren points out that they didn't push their darker side because of *Writer's Block*'s popularity. "Even if we wouldn't have had that success, we still would have sounded like this now," he says, adding

See it live

• Peter Bjorn and John play the Capital Music Hall Sunday.

that they've always tried to reinvent their sounds. "The soft songs and melancholy beats are similar, but you need to frame it in a different way."

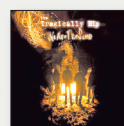
Of course, many fans won't realize that they've been framing and re-framing their sound for years now, so to the followers who only know *Young Folks* Moren says "if you're into *Writer's Block* there are things you can find on other records you'll like too."

"But, if you only like a couple songs," he makes sure to add, "that's perfectly fine too."

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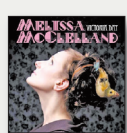
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The best bets for a rock 'n' roll reunion

As you read this, they're just finishing cleaning up after several hundred thousand people who temporarily quintupled the population of Indio, Calif., a small desert city about 180 kilometres east of Los Angeles, for the annual Coachella Music and Arts

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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Festival. Coachella has become THE place for big-name re-

unions. In years past, organizers have somehow managed to convince the fractious Rage Against the Machine, the infighting Crowded House and the squabbling Jesus and Mary Chain to put differences aside for the sake of music, art and money. Gobs and gobs of money. This year, though, gasp-



A reunion of English band The Smiths (frontman Morrissey pictured here) would be among rock music's biggest coups.

worth reunions didn't materialize. My Bloody Valentine is on the bill, but they've been playing gigs for a year now. Old news. Instead, we saw sets by Paul McCartney and Leonard Cohen.

With almost everyone in the reunion business again this year, who's there left to convince to put all the bad blood aside for a chance to top up the pension plan?

Blur would have been a good get for Coachella, but they're not about to screw up the hysteria that's building toward a series of high-profile appearances that have already been announced for the U.K. this summer. Blink-182? Too busy rehearsing for a summer comeback tour with their friends in Weezer. Seeing the original Specials would have been cool, but arguments with founder Jerry Dammers ("Are you in, mate? Or are you out?") delayed that train. Maybe next year.

So what about next year? A Scottish paper started a rumour that the Stone Ros-

es had already booked a U.K. tour, which included a stop at Coachella. Alas, that was just some wishful thinking during a slow news day.

The Talking Heads? Their name came up, but David Byrne quickly squashed that. Besides, the ex-Heads have evolved so much as musicians, songwriters and performers that none of them can see themselves in big suits to sing Psycho Killer again.

The biggest possible coup? A reunited Smiths, which would be Biblical. But if Morrissey, Johnny Marr, Andy Rourke and Mike Joyce were to ever step onstage and play together, the ground would surely open up and swallow all of California, creating a black hole that would in time consume the entire earth. And considering the state is already in danger of cleaving into the Pacific, no one wants to take that chance.

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Franz gets dub infusion

RECORDING For its second album of 2009, Scottish rock outfit Franz Ferdinand has recorded a dub version of the group's January release.

The nine-song set, *Blood*, will be released June 1 through Domino.

It makes sense that Tonight: Franz Ferdinand, the group's previous album, would lend itself to a dub treatment. (Evolved from reggae, dub centers on instrumental remixes of existing recordings.) On that set the band worked with Dan Carey, who has produced such artists as Lee

(Scratch) Perry and Mad Professor. Speaking to Billboard in November 2008, lead singer Alex Kapranos described Carey as having "a different dynamic than other producers."

"I think with anything, it has to be a collaboration and we find ourselves bouncing off one another rather well," Kapranos said of the group's work with Carey. "He's coming from that Jamaican perspective — there's much more space; the bass guitar leads a lot more on this record than anything else."

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Oh, Henry!

Henry, Betty's old flame who left her and moved to Arizona, will be back, TVGuide.com has confirmed. Christopher Gorham, the actor who plays Henry, will appear in the May 21 season finale of *Ugly Betty*. TVGUIDE.COM

Television

Idol must stay No. 1 to keep Cowell

American Idol judge Simon Cowell says he will leave the most popular show on television if it ever slips from the top spot in the ratings.

"The idea that for the next five years, I'd be doing exactly what I've been doing for the past five years ... the thought is just too depressing," Cowell said in a recent interview in his trailer, awaiting a taping of *Idol* at CBS Television City. "I'd go nuts, bored out of my

mind. You have to evolve, you have to change. I like the challenge of launching something new."

With Cowell's deal with Fox expiring at the end of next season, that something new could be a U.S. version of his U.K. singing competition series *The X Factor*. When Cowell launched *Factor* three years ago, the show became a massive hit that has since supplanted *American Idol* predecessor *Pop Idol*.

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Simon Cowell

The *Factor* success was worrisome enough for Fox to forbid Cowell from launching the show in the U.S. while he's under his current *Idol* deal. But all that could soon change.

Asked if he'd want to stay on *Idol* if it slips from No. 1 in the ratings, Cowell burst

out laughing. "Absolutely not!" he said. "Being No. 1 is verging on an obsession with me. I don't like being No. 2. I don't mind when you start at No. 10 ... and you've got somewhere to go. But if you're at the point you've reached it, of course you want to stay there."

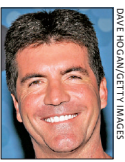
Though the *Idol* audience has declined over the past few seasons, the show remains far and away the ratings champ. *Factor*, Cowell noted, has increased its audience every year, which he says suggests the U.S. is ready for another music competition series.

"We have to bring in another music show," he said. "In the U.K., there is more than one type of music show running throughout the year. And I think the

same thing could happen here, because for the fall, nothing really happens. It's something we've been Simon thinking about ... I would definitely do it now."

"Maybe it'll be *X Factor*," he teased vaguely. "Maybe it'll be something new."

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DAVE ROGAN/GETTY IMAGES

Naked and famous

CAUGHT Media helicopters hovered overhead and photographers camped out in front of Japan's top talent agency yesterday after one of television's clean-cut stars was arrested for public indecency.

Tsuyoshi Kusanagi was found drunk and naked in a

public park in Tokyo in the early hours of the morning, his agency said in a statement. He was alone and shrieking at the top of his voice, media reports said. "What's wrong with being naked?" he demanded of a police officer who tried to question him after receiving a noise complaint, Kyodo news agency said.

Kusanagi, 34, shot to fame almost 20 years ago as a member of SMAP, the popular boy band whose

five members have gone on to monopolize Japanese TV. Kusanagi is seen as perhaps the most serious of the five, known for his acting skills and fluency in Korean.

"He has such a clean image," one woman told commercial broadcaster TBS. "He doesn't seem like that kind of person."

But yesterday's incident risks damaging the commercial juggernaut of SMAP. Corporations including Toyota Motor Corp said they were pulling commercials starring Kusanagi.

Kusanagi's agency, Johnny & Associates, a big name in Japanese entertainment, issued an apology.

"We apologize deeply for the trouble and worry caused to everyone, especially his fans," the agency said in a faxed statement, adding that it would make a further announcement on Kusanagi's future career.

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| 424/03 | 265 | 353 | 2 | TVO | Joanna Lumley-Northern | Agenda With Steve Palkin | Heartbeat "Love Story" | Allan Gregg | Film 101 | Agenda-Palkin | | |
| | 211 | 331 | 3 | CTV | Malcolm-Mid. | Prison Break "Vs" (N) | (9:01) Dollhouse (N) | NUMB3RS (HDTV) (N) | News | | | |
| | 209 | 342 | 6 | CHRO | Instant Star | Wife Swap (N) | Supernanny | Whistler (DVS) | Comedy Now | | | |
| | 196 | 311 | 7 | CTV | Hollywood | Ghost Whisperer (N) | Flashpoint (HDTV) (N) | Spectacle: Elivs | News | | | |
| | 208 | 303 | 8 | CBC | 22 Minutes | Comedy Fest | CBC News: the fifth estate | CBC News: The National (N) | The Hour | | | |
| | - | 360 | 9 | NBC | Wheel-Fortune | Concert-Life | Howie Do It | Dateline NBC | News (N) | | | |
| | - | 362 | 13 | CBS | Dr. Phil (HDTV) (N) | Ghost Whisperer (N) | Flashpoint (HDTV) (N) | NUMB3RS (HDTV) (N) | Two/Half Men | | | |
| | 216 | 395 | 14 | OMN2 | Raymond | News (N) | News (N) | Two/Half Men | King | Cold Case | | |
| | 214 | 344 | 15 | CITY | Law & Order: SVU | Mantracker (DVS) | Departures | Out There | Out There | News | | |
| | 218 | 345 | 18 | ET | The Insider | The El True Hollywood Story | 20/20 (HDTV) (N) | News (N) | News | | | |
| | - | 361 | 20 | ABC | News | Wife Swap (N) | 20/20 (HDTV) (N) | News (N) | News | | | |
| | - | 365 | 36 | FOX | TMZ (N) | Prison Break "Vs" (N) | (9:01) Dollhouse (N) | News (N) | News | | | |
| | 500 | 500 | 33 | CNN | Lou Dobbs Tonight | Campbell Brown: No Bias | Larry King Live (N) | Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV) | MLB Baseball | Sportsnet | | |
| | 406 | 417 | 27 | net | MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox. From Fenway Park in Boston. | Le Grandis reportages | Le T  l  journal (SC) | That's Hockey | SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live) | | | |
| | 126 | 730 | 28 | RDI | 24 Heures en 60 minutes | Le Grandis reportages | Le T  l  journal (SC) | That's Hockey | SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live) | | | |
| | 400 | 280 | 30 | TSN | NHL Hockey: East Quarterfinal - Rangers at Capitals | Justice | Futurama | Ultimate Avengers 2: Rise of the Panther | GI Joe: Resol. | | | |
| | 554 | 544 | 48 | TEL | Batman: Brave | Spider-Man | Justice | Minutemen (2008, Comedy) | Men in Black (1997) | | | |
| | 557 | 540 | 51 | FAM | Sonny Chance | Hatching Pete (2009, Comedy) | Prank Patrol | Family Biz | Adrenaline | Mystery Hnt. | | |
| | 551 | 542 | 65 | YTV | Uptown Girls ** (2003, Comedy) | Brittany Murphy | Prank Patrol | Family Biz | Adrenaline | Criminal | | |
| | 615 | 520 | 31 | A&E | CSI: Miami (HDTV) | CSI: Miami "Recoil" | CSI: Miami (HDTV) | CSI: Miami "Whacked" | MANswers | | | |
| | 628 | 584 | 32 | SPKE | CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn. | CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn. | Resident Evil ** (2002, Horror) | Milla Jovovich, Eric Mabius | MANswers | | | |
| | 616 | 521 | 39 | SHO | The Outer Limits | Durham County | Testes | Kenny-Spenny | Webdrams | Sin Cities | Wife Swap | |
| | 520 | 505 | 42 | DIS | Daily Planet (N) | Hei-Loggers (N) | Man vs. Wild "Yukon" | College Life | Beastdown | Forensic Factor (N) | Daily Planet | |
| | 581 | 566 | 53 | MTV | Play'd | After Show | Made "Wakeboarder" | College Life | Beastdown | Fantasy Fact. | Nitro Circus | MTV Live (N) |
| | 522 | 506 | 55 | HIS | NCIS | Jurassic Fight Club | Legends | Urban | Ice Road Truckers | Sun Hunters | | |
| | 603 | 561 | 95 | FN | Chef at Home | Fresh-Anna | Thirsty | Bobby Play | Dinner | Dinner, Drive-In | Ramsay | |

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| 425/03 | 265 | 353 | 2 | TVO | The True Face of Hurricanes | The Late Show (1977, Comedy-Drama) | Stolen-Sisters | Doc | Nobody's Fool *** (1994, Drama) | | | |
| | 211 | 331 | 3 | CTV | ET Canada | Masterminds | Artificial Lies ** (2000, Drama) | Jack Wagner. (DVS) | Comedy Now | Comedy Now | Arts & Minds | |
| | 209 | 342 | 6 | CHRO | The Road to Avonlea | W-FIVE | CSI: NY | Law & Order: SVU | Southland | News | | |
| | 196 | 311 | 7 | CTV | NHL Hockey: Eastern Conference | Quarterfinal Game 5 - Canadiens at Bruins | CSI: Miami (HDTV) | CSI: Miami "Whacked" | MANswers | | | |
| | - | 360 | 9 | NBC | Bring Wall St | The Insider | Strasand: Live in Concert (N) | CSI: Miami (HDTV) | 48 Hours Mystery (N) | CSI: NY | | |
| | - | 362 | 13 | CBS | Bring Wall St | The Insider | Red Sorghum *** (1988, Comedy-Drama) | Gong Li | Omni News: Mandarin | Chinese Rest. | | |
| | 216 | 395 | 14 | OMN2 | Chinese Rest. | Trendy Zone | Murdoch Mysteries (HDTV) | Lucid ** (2005, Mystery) | Jonas Chernick. (DVS) | News | | |
| | 214 | 344 | 15 | CITY | Without a Trace | Movie | Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets *** (2002, Fantasy) | Daniel Radcliffe. | News | | | |
| | 218 | 345 | 18 | ET | Family | E News | Cops (N) | America's Most Wanted | News (N) | MADtv | | |
| | - | 361 | 20 | ABC | Entertainment Tonight | News (N) | Cops (N) | America's Most Wanted | News (N) | MADtv | | |
| | - | 365 | 36 | FOX | News (N) | Seinfeld | Campbell Brown: No Bias | Larry King Live | Newsroom | Planet in Peril | | |
| | 500 | 500 | 33 | CNN | Newsroom | Chicago White Sox. (HDTV) (Live) | D  couverte Aqua. (SC) | Le T  l  journal | Les Grands reportages | La Factice | Le T  l  journal | |
| | 406 | 417 | 27 | net | MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Chicago White Sox. (HDTV) (Live) | NHL Playoffs Pre-Game | NHL Hockey: West Quarterfinal - Flames at Blackhawks | Futurama | Chicken | Clone High | Rick & Steve | Moral Ore |
| | 126 | 730 | 28 | RDI | Journal | Humanima | D  couverte Aqua. (SC) | Le T  l  journal | Les Grands reportages | La Factice | Le T  l  journal | |
| | 400 | 280 | 30 | TSN | (4) 2009 NFL Draft | Hey There, It's Yogi Bear *** (1964, Comedy) | Life Derek | Han. Montana | Oh, God! *** (1977, Comedy) | Superman II | | |
| | 554 | 544 | 48 | TEL | Hey There, It's Yogi Bear *** (1964, Comedy) | Life Derek | Han. Montana | Oh, God! *** (1977, Comedy) | Superman II | | | |
| | 557 | 540 | 51 | FAM | Prank Patrol | Prank Patrol | The Goonies ** (1985, Adventure) | Sean Astin, Josh Brolin. | CSI: Miami (HDTV) | CSI: Miami "Whacked" | MANswers | |
| | 551 | 542 | 65 | YTV | Prank Patrol | Prank Patrol | CSI: Miami "Extreme" | CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn. | Deadliest Warrior (HDTV) | Deadliest Warrior (HDTV) | Warrior | |
| | 615 | 520 | 31 | A&E | CSI: Miami (HDTV) | CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn. | The Perfect Child (2007, Drama) | Rebecca Bading | X-Men: The Last Stand (2006, Action) | | | |
| | 628 | 584 | 32 | SPKE | CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn. | CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn. | The Detonators | Made "Wakeboarder" | Deadliest Catch | Crisis Angel | Crisis Angel | Guinea Pig |
| | 616 | 521 | 39 | SHO | Mutant X | The Detonators | Made "Wakeboarder" | Deadliest Catch | Crisis Angel | Crisis Angel | Guinea Pig | |
| | 520 | 505 | 42 | DIS | Cash Cab | Cash Cab | MTV News | Play'd | Crisis Angel | Crisis Angel | Guinea Pig | |
| | 581 | 566 | 53 | MTV | MTV Live | After | Crime Stories | The Messenger ** (1999, Historical Drama) | Milla Jovovich. | | | |
| | 522 | 506 | 55 | HIS | NCIS "Blowback" | Glutton | Ramsay's Kitchen | Ultimate Recipe Showdown | Kitchen Nightmares | The F Word | | |
| | 603 | 561 | 95 | FN | Work for Food | Glutton | Ramsay's Kitchen | Ultimate Recipe Showdown | Kitchen Nightmares | The F Word | | |

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| 426/03 | 265 | 353 | 2 | TVO | Balloons | Lost In Austen | King Festival | The Allan King Festival | The Allan King Festival | | | |
| | 211 | 331 | 3 | CTV | American Dad | Bob & Doug | The Simpsons | Sit Down | Family Guy | American Dad | (10:01) Brothers & Sisters | News |
| | 209 | 342 | 6 | CHRO | Funnyest Home Videos | Gossip Girl (HDTV) (N) | Gossip Girl (HDTV) (N) | Cold Case (HDTV) (N) | Cold Case (HDTV) (N) | (10:01) Medium (N) | Look-A-Like | |
| | 196 | 311 | 7 | CTV | Star Wars Cl. | Degrassi: TNG | The Amazing Race 14 | Desperate Housewives | Desperate Housewives | (10:01) The Mentalist (N) | News | |
| | - | 360 | 9 | NBC | Geologic Journey | Dateline NBC "You Might Be Right" (N) | The Amazing Race 14 | Cold Case (HDTV) (N) | The Unit (HDTV) (N) | CSI: NY | | |
| | - | 362 | 13 | CBS | 60 Minutes | The Amazing Race 14 | Aaram | Arirang Korea | Word | Trendy Zone | Tongues: History Language | Of Blessings |
| | 216 | 395 | 14 | OMN2 | Hong Kong Express | Kings | Rock of Love Bus | The Celebrity Apprentice (N) | Desperate Housewives | (10:01) Brothers & Sisters | News | |
| | 214 | 344 | 15 | CITY | Two/Half Men | Hates Chris | Extreme Makeover: Home | Extreme Makeover: Home | Family Guy | American Dad | News (N) | Sportsworks |
| | 218 | 345 | 18 | ET | Mysteries | Mysteries | The Simpsons | Sit Down | Larry King Live | Newsroom | Planet in Peril | |
| | - | 361 | 20 | ABC | Funnyest Home Videos | King of Hill | State of the Union | MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox. From Fenway Park in Boston. | Le T  l  journal | Les Couilluses du pouvoir | Regard | Le T  l  journal |
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| | 500 | 500 | 33 | CNN | Newsroom | Baseball | MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox. From Fenway Park in Boston. | Le T  l  journal | Les Couilluses du pouvoir | Regard | Le T  l  journal | |
| | 406 | 417 | 27 | net | World Sport | Baseball | MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox. From Fenway Park in Boston. | Le T  l  journal | Les Couilluses du pouvoir | Regard | Le T  l  journal | |
| | 126 | 730 | 28 | RDI | Journal | Marie-Claude | Grands reportages (SC) | Le T  l  journal | Les Couilluses du pouvoir | Regard | Le T  l  journal | |
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| | 554 | 544 | 48 | TEL | Jimmy Two | Totally Spies | 6TEEN | Sleepless in Seattle *** (1993) | Adrenaline | Survive This | Mystery Hnt. | |
| | 557 | 540 | 51 | FAM | That's-Raven | Zoe 101 | Life Derek | Han. Montana | In Real Life "E.R." | The Sopranos (HDTV) | The Sopranos | |
| | 551 | 542 | 65 | YTV | (6) Ferris Bueller's Day Off | SpongeBob | Prank Patrol | CSI: Miami "Ambush" | CSI: Miami "All In" | Mask of the Ninja (2008, Action) | Dana Lee | |
| | 615 | 520 | 31 | A&E | CSI: Miami (HDTV) | CSI: Miami "Ambush" | CSI: Miami (HDTV) | CSI: Miami "All In" | Mask of the Ninja (2008, Action) | Dana Lee | | |
| | 628 | 584 | 32 | SPKE | UFC Unleashed | UFC Unleashed | Love Sick: Secrets of a Sex Addict (2008, Docudrama) | MythBusters | Rescue Me "French" | The Guard | | |
| | 616 | 521 | 39 | SHO | The Guard (HDTV) | The Guard (HDTV) | MythBusters | Rescue Me "French" | The Guard | | | |
| | 520 | 505 | 42 | DIS | MythBusters | Made "Wakeboarder" | Cribs | Cribs | Cribs | Cribs | After | |
| | 581 | 566 | 53 | MTV | Made "Wakeboarder" | Cribs | Cribs | Cribs | Cribs | Cribs | After | |
| | 522 | 506 | 55 | HIS | Oswald's Ghost (2007, Documentary) | 100 Mile Challenge | Iron Chef America | Chief Jeff Project | At the Table | | | |
| | 603 | 561 | 95 | FN | Challenge | 100 Mile Challenge | Iron Chef America | Chief Jeff Project | At the Table | | | |

ABC picks up Canadian drama

TV ABC is joining many other U.S. networks in snapping up Canadian TV. The network has picked up 13 episodes of upcoming cop drama *Copper* — billed as *Grey's Anatomy* in the world of rookie cops — from E! Television, Canwest Global Communications said Wednesday.

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Hayden Panettiere has had \$15,000 US worth of jewelry stolen. The Heroes actress reportedly returned from a trip to Australia last week and discovered someone had got into her Los Angeles home and taken the items. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Panettiere has jewelry stolen

Going Out

Mix of Six

Sci-Fi Spectacular

When: Friday & Saturday, 8 p.m.
Where: Southam Hall, National Arts Centre
Star Trek's own Mr. Sulu — George Takei — and conductor Jack Everly take you on an orchestral journey through classics from Star Wars, Superman, ET and more. Tickets \$15-\$86 through the NAC box office 613-755-1111.

Comedy Tour

When: Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Ottawa Little Theatre
Greek Canadian comics Dini Dimakos, Manolis Zontanos and Tim Nasiopoulos crack jokes about weekend Greek classes, meddling parents and the trials of puberty. For tickets call the OLT box office at 613-233-8948, x1.

Peter, Bjorn and John

When: Sunday, 8 p.m.
Where: Capital Music Hall
Sweden's Peter Morén, Bjorn Yttling and John Eriksson bring their sweet melodic tunes to town, with special guest Chairlift. Tickets \$23.50 through www.ticketmaster.ca.

Rock for a Cure

When: Friday, 9 p.m.
Where: Hard Rock Cafe
Rock band Conspiracy brings the music, you bring the money for a good cause. Entertainment, donations and a silent auction in support of the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation's Weekend to End Breast Cancer. \$10 at the door. For info contact rockforacure@gmail.com.

Sweatshop Union

When: Saturday, 8 p.m.
Where: Babylon
Energetic Vancouver hip-hop collective Sweatshop Union performs as part of BC Scene, along with guest DJ Timothy Wisdom. Tickets \$10 by calling 613-755-1111 or at the door one hour before show time.

The Hanson Brothers

When: Friday, 10 p.m.
Where: Mavericks
You know them best from the Slap Shot films, but there's still plenty of beer and hockey references in The Hanson Brothers' punk rock music extravaganza. Tickets \$12 at www.ticketmaster.ca.

New Twilight director named

MOVIES The studio behind last year's blockbuster vampire movie Twilight said on Wednesday that 30 Days of Night director David Slade will make the third film in the series, due out in summer 2010. Stephanie Meyer, the author of the popular book series that the film franchise is based on, welcomed Slade's selection, and said in a statement that Slade is a "visionary

filmmaker."

Slade's 2007 horror movie 30 Days of Night, which revolved around vampires in Alaska, made \$75 million at global box offices.

Director Chris Weitz, who directed the 1999 comedy American Pie, recently began filming the sequel to Twilight in Vancouver. Catherine Hardwicke directed the first film.

REUTERS

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1

KISS Contest

MUSIC Seems like every city wants to rock 'n' roll all night and party every day. Ever since the gods of make-up-rock announced that fans get to decide the stops for their North American fall tour, online votes have been piling up for urban centres. The top four cities so far are Canadian, led by Winnipeg.



2

Qwitter

WEB Twitter may be the in thing these days, but are you? If you see your online followers (Twitter-speak for friends/admirers) disappearing fast from your network, this application may help you trace which of your 140-character stinkers were their last straw.

3

Les Misérables

MUSICAL The acclaimed musical is a hot ticket once again thanks to Susan Boyle, whose jaw-dropping rendition of I Dreamed a Dream on Britain's Got Talent wowed the world. The album with the original London cast was No. 21 on iTunes Hot 100 Downloads this week. HMV Canada also reported rise in sales, and some theatre companies are planning to revive the beloved Victor Hugo story.

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Recession-themed shows

TV Maybe it will take a little credit crisis to revive the dwindling fortunes of quality television. Recession is the buzzword among networks these days — ABC is working on Canned, a comedy about a group of friends who get laid off the same day, while Fox is planning Two-Dollar Beer which focuses on tough times in and around Motor City Detroit. More similarly themed shows are in the pipelines.

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Dan Brown

AUTHOR All signs point to another bumper year for the mega-selling writer. This week, Brown announced that The Lost Symbol, the much-anticipated follow-up to The Da Vinci Code, will be out in September. Also on the cards is Ron Howard's adaptation of Angels & Demons, which promises to be one of the biggest box-office draws of summer.



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Matthew Williamson's H&M collection

FASHION Now you can get a piece of one of Britain's hottest designers without having to pay designer dollars. Williamson, a favourite of the Hollywood set, is the latest designer to create a capsule collection for the Swedish chain, following such past successes created by Karl Lagerfeld, Viktor & Rolf and Roberto, all of which caused a frenzy with overnight campouts at H&M stores. The collection went on sale Thursday.



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Summer movies

FILM The end of the Hollywood dry spell is nigh. Starting next week, the year's biggest studio spectacles will hit theatres. First up is X-Men Origins: Wolverine, starring Hugh Jackman. Next comes the rebooted version of Star Trek ... and the list goes on.

Lauper wants Boyle to star in a movie

CELEBRITY Cyndi Lauper says it would be "fantastic" if British singing sensation Susan Boyle accepted an offer to be in a planned film starring the U.S. pop singer and actress Tippi Hedren.

Susan Boyle, at 47, became one of the world's hottest celebrities virtually overnight after her rendition of I Dreamed a Dream on Britain's Got Talent this month. The clip has already been viewed around 50 million times on YouTube.

Lauper and Hedren are due to start work on dra-

matic comedy Section B, a tale about baby boomers who put their lives on hold to chase their dreams. The film also stars Queen Emily David, a finalist on America's Got Talent.

The film's director Darla Rae has asked Boyle to appear in the film and sing a duet with David.

"That's great, that's fantastic," Lauper said when told by Reuters about the offer to Boyle, a Scottish spinster with untamed hair and a plain-spo-

ken manner.

"I think she's a kick. I really like her," said Lauper.

"She stated very clearly 'I always wanted to sing in front of a large audience' and as soon as she did she said 'thank you' and left," she added.

"She wasn't really interested in what they had to say. She did what she wanted to do and that was singing. That's what wonderful singers are like."

Rae said in a statement on the website of her com-

pany Film It Productions, that she has offered Boyle a role in Section B.

"Susan studied at Edinburgh Acting School in the early '90s but was forced to leave and care for her sick mother. I'd love to help her finally realize her dream of being an actress! We've even sent offers through the local pub manager where Susan Boyle sings karaoke," Rae said.

Boyle has appeared on national television in the United States and in countless newspaper and Internet articles.

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Millionaire back on primetime

Who Wants to be a Millionaire will return to prime time screens in August, ABC television said on Wednesday. Original host Regis Philbin will be back to host the show on Sundays through Thursdays from Aug. 9 to 23. **REUTERS**



Tarantino returns to Cannes

Quentin Tarantino returns to Cannes as part of a group of familiar faces at the world's biggest film festival that includes Pedro Almodovar, Ken Loach and New Zealand's Jane Campion.

Tarantino, who won the Palme d'Or for Pulp Fiction in 1994, presents his long-awaited Second World War caper Inglourious Basterds starring Brad Pitt in the main competition line-up announced by festival director Thierry Fremaux on Thursday.

He will be up against previous Cannes winners including Ken Loach, who presents Looking for Eric starring Eric Cantona about a postman looking for life lessons from the former France and Manchester United soccer star. Campion, the first

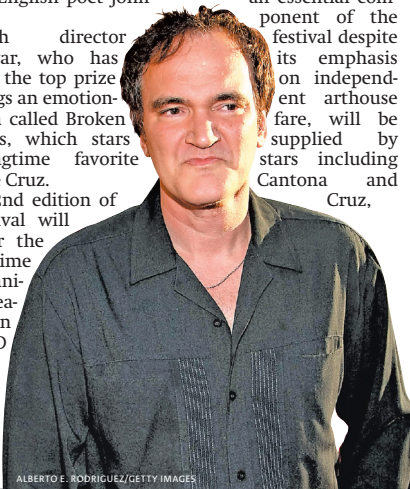
woman to win the Palme d'Or with the 1993 film The Piano, is showing Bright Star about the 19th century English poet John Keats.

Spanish director Almodovar, who has not won the top prize yet, brings an emotional drama called Broken Embraces, which stars his longtime favorite Penelope Cruz.

The 62nd edition of the festival will open for the first time with an animated feature when Up, a 3-D comedy directed by one of the creators of Toy

Story, kicks off proceedings at the opening ceremony on May 13.

The red carpet glamour, an essential component of the festival despite its emphasis on independent arthouse fare, will be supplied by stars including Cantona and Cruz,



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Monica Bellucci and Brad Pitt.

Fremaux acknowledged that the festival could not ignore the global economic crisis but he brushed aside talk of empty hotel rooms and cost-shy studios cutting back on attendance.

"We are all of us going to see a festival that will not be unaware that the world is in crisis," he told a news conference. "We are going to try to make a festival which continues to be what it is," he said.

"We haven't felt the slightest reluctance on anybody's part, anyone saying 'we have to watch out because of the crisis'. I would say that ... more than ever

Director Quentin Tarantino brings his latest film, Inglourious Basterds to the Cannes Film Festival.

Cannes is the rendezvous for creators and the industry."

The number of past Cannes participants certainly gives a sense of familiarity to the films that will be judged by jury president Isabelle Huppert.

Lars von Trier, who won the Palme d'Or in 2000 for Dancer in the Dark, is back with Antichrist a psychological horror film, while Ang Lee, whose Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon was a hit at Cannes in 2000, shows Taking Woodstock, about the 1960s music festival.

Hong Kong action director Johnnie To brings Vengeance, which, for French audiences at least, will be spiced up by the participation of veteran Gallic rocker Johnny Hallyday.

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Examining Media Issues

InDepth**Plane safety:**

The hijacking of a Can-Jet flight in Jamaica last week likely has more people thinking about the dangers of air flight, and bringing back remembrances of 9/11. Here are some suggestions for those interested in learning more about hijackings and plane safety:

- The Complete Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook — a quirky guide to some potential serious and not-so-serious situations — offers tips on surviving a possible plane crash (like taking a nonstop flight, if possible). The guide is available online at irreference.com/category/worst-case-scenarios.
- For a better understanding of the in-the-air events on 9/11, rent the Oscar-nominated film United 93, about one of the planes hijacked which crashed in Pennsylvania when passengers foiled the terrorist plot. Also look for a copy of A&E's original movie Flight 93 based on the same event.

- Visit pbs.org to read the transcript and few clips from the American Experience documentary Hijacked, about the Sept. 6, 1970, hijackings of TWA and SwissAir flights by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Babs relaxed with Obama as president

Barbra Streisand's liberal political voice rose to a crescendo in last year's U.S. presidential race but the singing legend says the election of President Barack Obama has allowed her to relax.

During her 2006 singing tour, she was joined onstage by an actor portraying former President George W. Bush as an inept fool, and in the campaign that followed she was so focused on seeing a Democrat elected, she said she went a little crazy.

"I was so incensed, so passionate about having a Democrat in the White House, I was insane. I was just crazed," Streisand told Reuters ahead of a new TV

special and DVD release.

"I trust this administration. I trust Barack Obama and his intelligence and have faith that he'll do the right thing," said the winner of eight Grammys, two Academy Awards and numerous Emmys. "So I've been able to relax the last few months."

After all the acrimony of the 2008 campaign, Streisand finally met Bush for the first time last December when she was awarded a Kennedy Center Honor.

Streisand said she wanted the event to be apolitical and, to her pleasant surprise, so did Bush, who kissed her.

"It's even in Talmudic law



Barbra Streisand

that one must not embarrass someone else in public and so it was not an appropriate time to share my views since he knew my views quite well," she said.

"He was smart and very clever to extend his arms and say, 'Give me a kiss,' be-

cause it caught me off guard and was disarming. It was fine," she said.

But with the new president in the White House, the Brooklyn-born singer, actress, producer and director is getting back to the business of entertaining. She appears in Streisand: Live in Concert on the CBS television network on Saturday.

Three days later, Streisand: The Concerts, a three-disc DVD featuring performances from her 1960s television specials, concerts recorded in 1994 and 2006, and Putting It Together: The Making of the Broadway Album, will hit stores.

Streisand, winner of eight

Grammys, two Academy Awards and numerous Emmys, said on the 2006 tour she delved into songs that she had never recorded and/or made public.

"I do get bored singing my same old songs," Streisand said. "For this last show, I used many, many songs that I've never really performed in concert, starting with the opening, Starting Here, Starting Now, and Down With Love, which I last sang on The Judy Garland Show in 1963."

She gushes at the mention of the success of her stepson, actor Josh Brolin, who has seen his star rise with critically hailed movies No Country for Old Men and Milk

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Kim's new nickname

Kim Kardashian has a new nickname: Zorro. "Poor little Kimmie laid out too long and got a major sunglasses tan! It was SO funny though!" her sis Khloe blogs. "We called her Zorro the rest of the trip hahahaha." **USMAGAZINE.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Angie sticks up for beauty queen

POLITICS Republican actress Angie Harmon is standing up for Miss California Carrie Prejean, who has been criticized for saying on Sunday's Miss USA pageant that she does not support gay marriage, **usmagazine.com** reports.

"If someone is standing up for how they feel and talking about their beliefs, why are we punishing her for that?" Harmon, 36, told **usmagazine.com**. "I just don't understand how

we've gotten to a place in America where, if someone doesn't agree with everyone, then they are punished for it."

Prejean, 21, insists her controversial answer "cost" her the crown. (Shanna Moakler, director of the Miss

California USA pageant, denies this.)

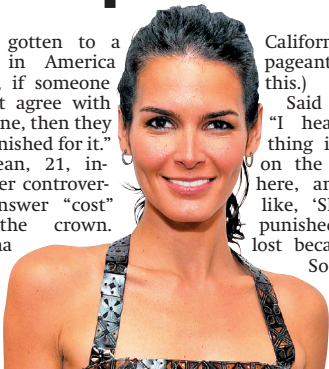
Said Harmon, "I heard something in the car on the way over here, and it was like, 'She wasn't punished,' but she lost because of it."

So she was punished. "I find it incredibly disap-

pointing," she went on. "I mean, that is what she thinks. That's what she believes. I'm not going to punish anyone for that. I don't know if she lost because of it, but if she did, I think that is very disappointing."

"In the Miss USA, she can't stand up for what she thinks or what she believes in? I don't understand that."

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Truth to Slumdog screen romance?

RUMOUR Slumdog Millionaire stars Dev Patel and Freida Pinto — who play lovers on-screen, and in real life have denied reports that they're an item — were spotted kissing during a romantic night out.

Patel was visiting Pinto in Israel, where she's shooting her

latest film, according to Britain's Daily Star.

And their co-star, Anil Kapoor, claims something is up between the two. "When I meet them, I feel there is something happening," he said recently. "They definitely make a great pair."

METRO WORLD NEWS



'Happiest man alive,' Fred says

ENGAGEMENT Limp Bizkit frontman Fred Durst is thrilled that his band is getting back together, but he's even more excited that his girlfriend agreed to marry him. "Great news — I'm getting married to Esther in July," the singer announced on his Twitter. "It's on! Break out the bubbly!" Durst posted a photo of the ring, adding he is "the happiest man alive."

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Gavin's secret gay lover?

RUMOUR Gavin Rossdale had a five-year relationship with a male pop star, **femalefirst.co.uk** alleges.

The former Bush singer — who has two sons with wife Gwen Stefani and a daughter from a previous relationship — allegedly had a long romance with androgynous British singer Marilyn in the '80s.

Marilyn, 46, said: "He was the love of my life. We were together five years, but it felt like 40."

In 1995, singer Boy George — a close friend of Marilyn — alleged Ross-

dale, 43, and Marilyn had had an affair in his autobiography *Take It Like A Man*, but both men denied the claims.

However, Marilyn — whose real name is Peter Robinson — insists he lied in order to protect Ross-

dale's burgeoning career.

The singer added to *In Touch Weekly* magazine: "He was just becoming successful in America. I agreed to lie against every grain of my being."

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LiLo sets breakup record straight

PEOPLE Tired of letting the tabloids speak for her, Lindsay Lohan stopped by Ellen DeGeneres' talk show to chat about her split from Samantha Ronson.

Lohan claims the breakup came "out of nowhere" and that Ronson caught her completely off-guard.

"I had no idea what was going on. I just hadn't seen her in, like, a week. She, like, disappeared," Lohan

said. But she's hopeful the split isn't final. "I really care about Samantha and we'll see what happens," she says.

"Maybe when we're fully in the right place. And I love her."

METRO WORLD NEWS



Heidi hopes fourth is a girl

BABY Heidi Klum is expecting her fourth child with husband Seal — and she's hoping it's a girl. The couple already has two sons, Johan and Henry, and a daughter, Leni. "We'd be happy with either, but it would be a lie if I said we weren't all hoping for a little girl — especially Leni, because she would love to have a little sister," Klum tells *Us Weekly*.

METRO WORLD NEWS



J.Lo to Marc: No babies!

FAMILY Jennifer Lopez is fighting off husband Marc Anthony's advances, because she's not

yet ready to have more children, **femalefirst.co.uk** reports.

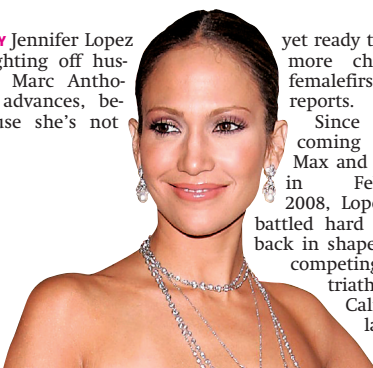
Since welcoming twins Max and Emme in February 2008, Lopez has battled hard to get back in shape, even competing in a triathlon in California last Sep-

tember.

She's not ready to give up her buff post-baby body just yet — despite Anthony's desperation to expand their brood.

Lopez tells *People* magazine, "Marc is like, 'What are we waiting for?' I'm like, 'We gotta wait 'til mum's ready. I'm in the best shape of my life. And best mindset.'"

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Nurse and nanny for Mercy

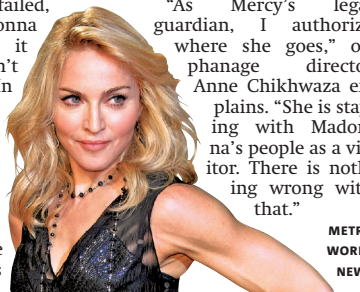
KIDS Her initial attempt to adopt three-year-old Malawian Mercy James may have failed,

but Madonna has made it clear she isn't giving up. In fact, she's even hired a nanny and a nurse to look after the young girl while her lawyers

work out the adoption appeal, according to *Hollyscoop*.

"As Mercy's legal guardian, I authorize where she goes," orphanage director Anne Chikhwaza explains. "She is staying with Madonna's people as a visitor. There is nothing wrong with that."

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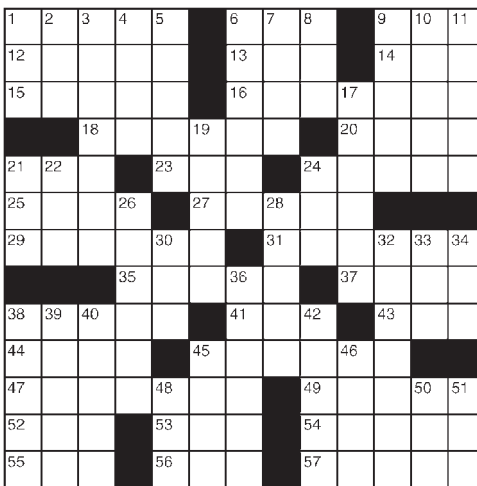
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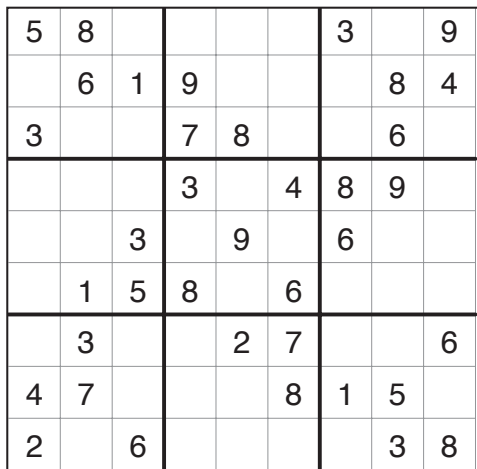
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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



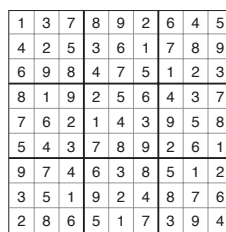
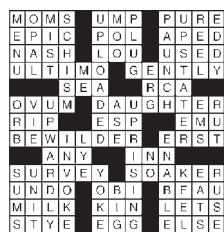
Crossword across

- 1 Transfer
- 6 Decorate Easter eggs
- 9 Stannum
- 12 Not just prompt
- 13 "Alley —"
- 14 Pindaric piece
- 15 Pipe type
- 16 Chirp
- 18 Clan-related
- 20 Peruse
- 21 However
- 23 Smoke, for short
- 24 With fervor
- 25 Twist out of shape
- 27 Confuse
- 29 "Rabbit ears"
- 31 Unparalleled
- 35 Frock
- 37 Ringlet
- 38 Proverb
- 41 Turner or Williams
- 43 Squid squirt
- 44 Mysterious character
- 45 Disinclined to brag
- 47 Sparkle
- 49 Theme
- 52 Einstein's birthplace
- 53 \$ dispenser
- 54 Met show
- 55 Storm center
- 56 Kid's question
- 57 Vestige

Crossword down

- 1 Ball VIP
- 2 Corn spike
- 3 Animal
- 4 Winglike
- 5 Hammerstein's contribution
- 6 Senility
- 7 Long, mournful wail
- 8 Beside (Pref.)
- 9 Carried
- 10 Perfect
- 11 Square
- 17 Catastrophic
- 19 Authoritative text
- 21 Merit-badge org.
- 22 Islander's strings
- 24 Calendar abbr.
- 26 Thingie
- 28 Amalgamated
- 30 Exist
- 32 Not one to see it through
- 33 Grecian vessel
- 34 Wapiti
- 36 Tempestuous
- 38 Battle verbally
- 39 In a boring way
- 40 "Pokemon" genre
- 42 Showroom samples
- 45 Part of SMU (Abbr.)
- 46 Erstwhile frosh
- 48 Spotted, to Tweety
- 50 Rage
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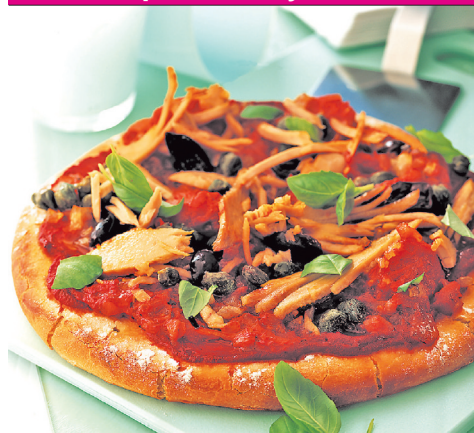


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13-17 min Scholar
17-21 min Smart
21-25 min Not bad
25+ min Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Tuna and Tomato Pizzas

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 tsp (15 mL) extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 onion, minced
- 1 can (14 oz/398 mL) crushed tomatoes
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) dried oregano
- Pinch sugar
- 2 thick pizza crusts
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) tomato paste
- 1 can (6 oz/170 g) water-packed tuna, drained and flaked into chunks
- 4 tsp (20 mL) capers, rinsed
- 8 pitted black olives, sliced
- Salt and fresh-ground black pepper
- Fresh basil leaves

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 425°F (220°C). Heat 1 tsp (5 mL) oil in small pot over medium heat. Add onion and sauté until soft, 4 minutes. Add tomatoes, oregano,

sugar and salt and pepper to taste. Bring to boil, then reduce heat and leave to simmer, uncovered, 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.

2. Put pizza crusts on 2 baking sheets. Spread 1 tsp (5 mL) tomato paste over each crust. Spoon tomato sauce over pizzas, then add tuna. Sprinkle with capers and olives. Drizzle remaining 2 tsp (10 mL) of olive oil over tops.
3. Bake pizzas until crusts are crisp and golden, 10 minutes, or following package directions. Sprinkle with torn basil leaves and serve at once.

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Horoscopes

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Excellent advice helps to clear your mind. Uncertainty is exposed. An old favourite finds the consolation of love.



TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A simple task is counter-productive. A heartless tale is an amusing revelation. There's a good reason for someone's hostility.



LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A misunderstanding focuses on wasting time. A friend might not sidestep a feud. You'll inspire others and help them to grow.



SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Satisfaction comes from trusting your instincts. Your hopes are raised by reaching an agreement. Someone's whimsy gets in the way.



GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Recover from heartache by asking for help. You'll stumble over foolish beliefs. An old lesson now has special meaning.



SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Exceptional evidence of past issues is presented. Drag yourself away from a technical conversation. Be very clear about your distress.



CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Consideration for others causes a risk to arise. Responsibilities slow you down to a crawl. There are twinges of guilt over a tempting offer.



CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
A fearful friend feels sorry for himself. Don't encourage anyone to avoid work. You can attain power by giving assistance.



LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
A stranger's defeat won't drain your energy. A chat results from a wise decision. A false alarm defines incompetence.



AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Rise above panic and have new hope for the future. Ask to be released from obligations. A companion's blunder goes unpunished.



VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Be especially careful with neighbours. An honourable person is checked for imperfection. Renewal comes from uninhibited career goals.



PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
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| 2006 FUSION SE V6 • Loaded • A/C • Auto • 62,723 km • St: 27248 \$10,940 \$102** BI-WEEKLY | 2006 FIVE HUNDRED SEL • Load • Roof • A/C • Auto • 90,654 km • St: 27322 \$10,890 \$102** BI-WEEKLY | 2006 OPTRA 5 • Load • Roof • A/C • Auto • 40,266 km • St: 27417 \$10,450 \$98** BI-WEEKLY | 2005 MATRIX • Auto • 70,885 km • St: 27437 \$9,960 \$107* BI-WEEKLY | 2005 CARAVAN • Load • A/C • 87,808 km • St: 27251 \$8,930 \$96* BI-WEEKLY | 2005 MAZDA 3 • A/C • 106,968 km • St: 27206-A \$8,850 \$95* BI-WEEKLY |
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